

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

A call for a steady head and sincere endeavour in tackling problems as they arise in these unsettled times, was made by Mr. Ko Chou-kung, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, at its annual general meeting yesterday.

Rumours of a third world war, and general uneasiness throughout the world, were reflected in this Colony, said Mr. Ko, but we were fortunate to have a competent and enlightened government, and conditions of stability comparing favourably with other places.

As merchants, members of the Chamber should place business integrity above everything else. It was the foundation of any sound business structure, and Hong Kong being essentially a trading centre, the importance of honest trading was all the more important.

Business in Hong Kong during the year was more or less normal, said Mr. Ko.

On the subject of Government control of vegetables and fishery, Mr. Ko said the principle was sound but judging by the complaints made of alleged maladministration, he thought Government should seriously investigate these complaints so as to remove any genuine hardships which people might be suffering.

NT Expansion

Government's encouragement of agricultural expansion in the New Territories was applauded, and it

was the Chamber's opinion that there should be more investments made with the ultimate aim of making the Colony less dependent on outside sources for vegetables. The Chamber was heavily in agreement with these urging constitutional reform along democratic lines, said Mr. Ko, so that its citizens should have a share of the responsibility of administering their own affairs.

The present high cost of living was another subject touched upon by the Chairman, who was gradually getting beyond the reach of the poorer classes, said Mr. Ko, and means to bring relief to them must be found. A lowering of public utility charges might be considered by Government.

The report and accounts for the year were unanimously adopted, and resolutions were passed for amending the Chamber's articles, for the election of the new building for the Chamber, and also for the canvassing of more new members.

Appeal In Aberdeen Tenancy Case Allowed

An eviction order issued by a Justices of the Peace Court to the inmates of 1-14 Tung Shing Street, Aberdeen, on the application by the Urban Council, was quashed at the Appeal Court yesterday.

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, in allowing the appeal brought by the tenants against the order, ruled that to bring proceedings under the said Ordinance it must be based on dangers to health and not on physical dangers which might result from structural defects of the premises.

The inmates, about 30 of whom were present in court yesterday, were represented by Mr. John McNeill instructed by Mr. F. G. Nigel, Mr. A. Hooton was for the Crown. Crown Counsel yesterday told the court that when the Urban Council issued the notice to the inmates of the premises in question, the Council was under the impression that a structure that would cause danger for reasons other than for health would go under that provision.

Mr. Hooton went on to say that he had consulted the Attorney General on the matter and had come to an agreement that the Ordinance had been in fact misapplied.

The Urban Council, he continued, inspected the premises, and it was found that the building was dangerous in the sense that the structure was defective and not in the sense that it was dangerous to health.

Giving his decision, Sir Leslie stated in part:

"This is an appeal against the closure order made by the Urban Council under Section 25 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935.

"We had to decide whether the tenants had the right to appeal, and that brought up the issue on whether the tenants had the right to be heard before the Justice when the closure order was up for consideration.

Entitled To Challenge

"We disposed of that point by our judgment of June 11, which was to the effect that the tenants did not have the right of attendance before the Justice, but were nevertheless the persons aggrieved, and were therefore entitled to challenge the order.

"The proceedings, in the first place, were brought under the Building Ordinance. But by reg-

Eviction Order Upheld

The decision of Mr. Charles Loseby, K.C., Tenancy Magistrate, who issued an eviction order against Shing Kee and all the occupants of 18A D'Aguilar Street, ground floor, was upheld by Mr. Justice Scholles, acting Puisne Judge at the Appeal Court yesterday.

The Tribunal had found that the appellants had sub-let part of the premises without the consent of the landlord, Lai Yuen, the applicant.

Mr. D. A. Bernatchi instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford was for the appellants. The landlord was represented by Mr. J. L. D'Alton on the instructions of Mr. J. C. Stewart.

The appeal was on the grounds that the decision of Mr. Loseby was against the weight of evidence and wrong in law. Appellant contended that on the evidence there was a "waiver" by the landlord of his right against the appellants' under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947.

He argued that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to make the eviction order under Section 21 of the Ordinance against the appellants in that evidence disclosed that they were protected by the proviso clause of that section.

Europeans Sentenced For Theft

Two European sailors of the ss. Daybeam were charged at Kowloon yesterday with larceny of cloth valued at about \$1,500 from their ship.

D. T. Watt, aged 22, and D. Sanderson, aged 20, were arrested by the police in their quarters on a ship's watchman had notified the police that they had forced open the padlock on a hatch.

The prosecution said that on Thursday morning, defendants went into a ship's hold where a lot of cloth meant for Japan and India were stored.

The watchman tried to stop them but they ignored him and forced open the padlock on the door.

The pair then left the hold via another exit.

The captain was notified and when the police arrived, defendants were arrested in their quarters.

Watt and Sanderson were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Detention Of Weapons

The Hong Kong Government yesterday would neither confirm or deny the Canton report that Hong Kong has detained 1,600 machine-guns belonging to the Chinese Government.

"No statement" was the reply given to the "China Mail's" questions.

Is it true that the Hong Kong Government has detained 1,600 weapons belonging to the Chinese Government?

2. Why, have the weapons been detained?

3. What kind of weapons are they?

To the question whether the Chinese Government has started negotiations for the release of the weapons, the official reply was that it would be more appropriate to inquire at the Chinese Government's representative here or at the source of the report at Canton.

Interviewed later in the day, Mr. T. W. Kwok, China's Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, told the "China Mail" that he has no knowledge of the matter.

PI Scouts Arrive



Philippine representatives arrived in the Colony yesterday on their way to the Fourth World Scouts Jamboree in Norway. They ate (left to right): P. Tengco, Dr. Mariana de los Santos, R. Vergara and I. Ranjo.

Japan Eager For Relationship With Any Chinese Gov't

That Japan was eager to re-establish relations with China irrespective of her political complex, was the opinion expressed by five top ranking Japanese economic officials who arrived by PAA at Kai-Tak yesterday in transit to Tokyo.

They are the Japanese delegation to the International Labour Organisation convention held at Geneva last month and which Japan attended as an observer nation.

The Japanese were: Mr. Etsuo Kato, Chief of the Japanese Government Railway Workers' Union, who attended the conference as labour representative; Mr. Basato Kato, President of the Daiwa Textile Company Limited in the capacity of management representative; Mr. Mitoru Eguchi, Vice Minister of the Japanese Labour Ministry, and Mr. Taro Matsuda, Councillor of the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

The delegation was accompanied by Mr. Hitooshi Yamamoto, political writer of the "Mainichi Sun," one of the two big Japanese dailies in Tokyo, who attended the ILO conference as an interpreter.

At the airport Mr. Yamamoto again served in this capacity when the delegation held a conference with the Press.

"The meeting at Geneva was most successful," said Mr. Yamamoto in English with a slight American accent.

"We were really surprised at the reception accorded us by all delegates attending the conference," he said, mentioning that Mr. Kato's address brought the Chinese member across the large hall to congratulate him.

Through Mr. Yamamoto, the other Japanese officials expressed greatest of satisfaction over the outcome of the trip.

The delegation was escorted out of Japan in late May on Mr. Chester Hepler, representative of General Douglas MacArthur, who, at Geneva, held a 30-minute report of Labour in Japan.

Touched By Applause

"At the point in which Mr. Hepler said that there was 7,000,000 organised men in Japan's free trade unions, the whole representative assembly applauded for a long time. This touched our party very much," declared the "Mainichi" man, who has been busy in Europe studying conditions there and reporting by cable to Japan.

The Japanese delegates were also observers at the new WFTU conference, and the Labour Inaugural Conference held by mem-

PI Scouts En Route To Norway

A group of Boy Scouts representing the Philippine Islands at the Fourth World Rover Meet came in yesterday from Manila by PAA. They are in transit here. Their destination is Norway where the meeting is to be held.

The head of the group is Dr. Mariano de los Santos, president of the University of Manila. The Scouts were Ricardo Vergara, Irineo Ranjo, Jr., Plaridel Tengco. They represent different provinces of the P. I.

The international Boy Scouts meeting is to last ten days, from August 2 until August 12.

The discussion of this meeting is to be mainly catered with Senior Scouts.

The Scouts were welcomed at the airport by Mr. Jose P. Burraga of Philippine Consulate.

Reminders

Today

Diocesan Boys' School classical concert for Service men, 8.15 p.m.

VRC-Chinese YMCA, Inter-club swimming gala, at VRC swimming pool, 9.30 p.m.

Society for the Protection of Children, Flag Day.

Swimming Picnic, at Silverstrand beach, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.

Annual Memorial Service at Orthodox Church, Kowloon, for late Russian Imperial Family and victims of the Russian Revolution, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Tong Christ Church Tennis Party, 5 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Classical Concert, The H. Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

HK Art Club, sketching class, members to assemble at the old Shaikwan Police Station, 2.30 p.m. (for further details contact Mr. Nobbins, Tel: 30709).

European YMCA Swimming Picnic at Silverstrand beach, 2.30 p.m.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The July Criminal Sessions, which will open on Monday, comprise one murder case, two cases involving robbery and possession of arms and ammunition, and five cases of breach of a deportation order.

Following are the cases, the pleas in which will be taken on Monday:

Chan Kau alias Chan Pak Wong Hung alias Liu Pak-wing alias Liu Yin-wun, Kan Kau alias Chan Kau, Law Kung-lung alias Lam Kwong alias Wong Ming, Ng Kam alias Ng Ming—Breach of deportation order.

Wong Pul alias Lo Shing, Chau King-sun—(1) Robbery by two or more; (2) possession of arms; (3) conspiracy to rob; (4) possession of arms and ammunition.

Li Ming—Robbery by two or more.

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August at the Offices of the Cor-
poration, where Shareholders
are requested to apply for War-
rants.

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OF THE Corporation will be
closed from FRIDAY, 20th
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AUGUST (both days inclu-
sive) during which period no
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Marine Office,
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Board, Colonial Secretariat,
Lower, Albert Road, until
noon on Friday, July 29, 1949.

Forms of Tender, Specifica-
tion and further particulars
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Hitch In Plans For
HK Exhibition Hall

The scheme for the establishment of a permanent
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under consideration by the Hong Kong Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce for the past eight
months, is still in the air, the "China Mail"
has been informed.

Lack of support from prospective exhibitors, and
the heavy initial cost of putting up the build-
ing for housing the hall, are the main causes
for the hitch.

The scheme, first mooted in
August last, was for the hall to
be run on commercial lines,
similar to the one at Prague,
where a large trade fair is held
each year.

The idea was favourably re-
ceived by Government who passed
it on to the Chamber for study,
with an indication that if the
Chamber thought it practicable
there was a chance of land being
made available on favourable
terms.

The Chamber appointed a
special sub-committee to study
the proposition, and it was found
that if a three-floor exhibition
building giving 15,000 feet of
floor space was to be erected, the
cost would come to about
HK\$600,000.

Member firms were then asked
for their support as well as the
support of their overseas prin-
cipals but the response was not
favourable.

It was pointed out that con-
ditions in China were too un-
settled to justify such a large
scale expenditure.

The Chairman of the Chamber,
on his arrival in Britain recently,
together with Mr. W. P. Mon-
gomery, the United Kingdom
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Kong, took the matter up with
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KAI TAK
TOPICS

Kai Tak Airfield, world ranking
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the subject of critical discussion
among airlines personnel yester-
day.

They all have a similar com-
plaint: that the airport apron is
much too small and that the one-
hour limit stay on this apron by
transit craft is inadequate.

The airport regulation states
that aircraft are permitted to
remain within the apron area for
an hour. After that they must be
towed to the parking lot near
JAMCO.

Suggestions put forward by
these people, who have daily busi-
ness on the airfield and should
therefore, know the requirements
that would ensure operational
efficiency, are:

1. Enlargement of the apron
by extending aircraft, which in
some cases remain on the lot for
days.

In other words, these people
are of the opinion that the apron
side of the strip should be used
only by transit aircraft remain-
ing for not longer than three
hours.

The planes at present occupying
this plot of precious space, they
said, could be moved over to the
other side of the strip.

2. The present system whereby
aircraft must be across the run-
way, brings about countless in-
conveniences, these men com-
plained.

The worst of these is that the
single give-on to the runway is
frequently blocked by other air-
craft and much time is wasted in
clearing, schedules thereby suf-
fering.

"The arrangements were per-
fectly alright," one told us "per-
haps a year ago, when traffic and
planes at Kai Tak were not as
numerous as now." They all are
of a same opinion that much can
be done and should be done to
maintain the reputation Kai Tak
has as an international aerial
cross roads.

Cathay Pacific Airways are now
agents for Pan American, CNAC
handled PAA's traffic and main-
tenance affairs before. But as of
July 7, they had to relinquish the
responsibilities due to their own
heavy commitments. It was re-
ported, Pacific Air Maintenance
will now do the servicing jobs
for Pan American.

PROTECTED PLACE

The hangar of the Department
of Civil Aviation at Kai Tak has
been officially declared a Pro-
tected Place under the Protected
Places (Safety) Ordinance of
1946. The hangar is on the North
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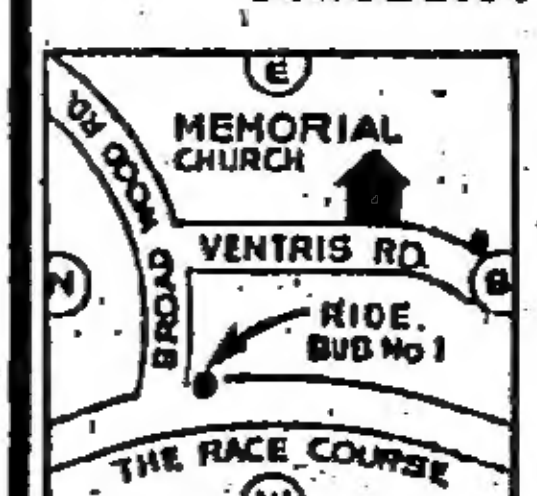
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GOOD RULES TO DISOBEY

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are two of the -motheaten so-
called "rules" of play which all
devotees of contract hear some
time early in their career.

Either should be disobeyed or
gently paraphrased of the time in
order to follow the one truly
sound rule of "do whatever
seems best according to your own
common sense." The average
player would be as well off for
not ever having heard those rules,
being merely told to do what ap-
pears most promising.

SA 73 H 7 DAJ102 CAQ852
SK94 HAJA D08653 C73
SQJ5 H K08 D74 CK10864
S10802 H Q105432 D K Q C J

(Dealer: North. Both sides vul-
nerable).

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 C
Pass	2 C	Pass	2 D
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT

With his probable re-entry in
diamonds, South did right to
open his long suit of hearts, lead-
ing the fourth-best 4. By the
rule of eleven, 4 from 11-left 7,
the number of cards outside
South's hand which would beat
the 4. North saw four of them

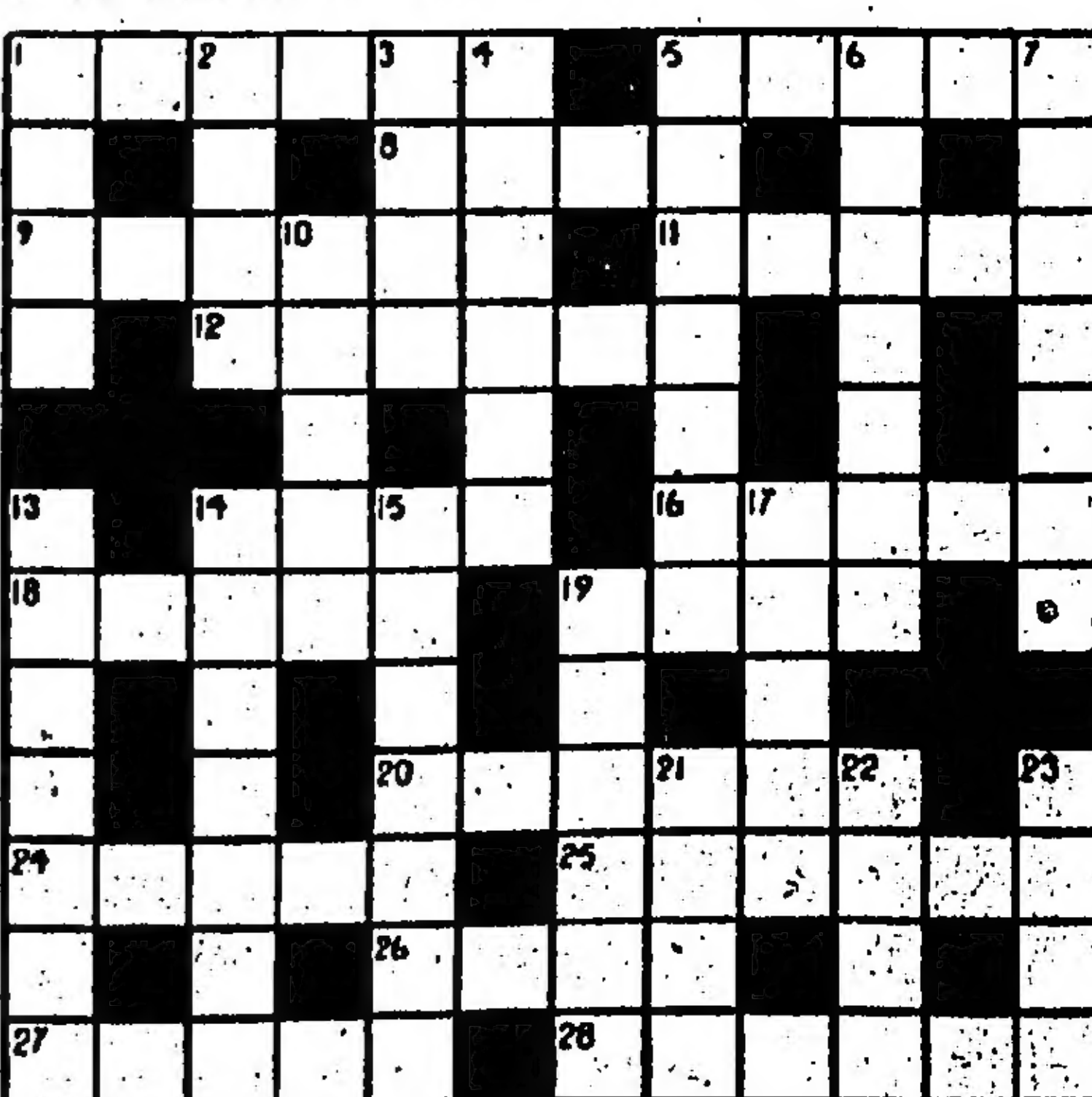
between his hand and dummy,
so knew East had three. He
could be sure East had either the
K or Q, probably the K, and no
would be able to hold up until
the third round. That probably
would enable East to make his
contract.

North then saw the chance to
prevent the hold-up—make East
think South had the heart A. To
do this North had to violate two
of the unspoken rules at once,
that forbidding you to "fence
against your partner" and that
about "third hand high." He
did it by playing his J instead
of the A.

Now East was on the spot.
With North in the lead, his study
told him that his K might be
captured via a lead through it
toward the A. So he decided
to take the trick at once with
his K and stake all on the spade
finesse, which he did after run-
ning five club tricks. When
North then won the spade Q with
his K, he scored the heart A and
led to the Q to give his side a
total of five tricks in hearts and
one in spades, beating the con-
tract two tricks. If North had
won the first trick with the A
and East kept his K for the
third trick, the declarer could
have scored nine tricks without
danger.

Your Week-End Question
What is the best way to play
a suit of A-Q-7-3 opposite the
J-9-8-6 if you have to take all
four tricks in it? What if you
can afford to lose one, but can't
lose two?

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5 Surpass. 20 Diminished. 12 Injure.
8 Beam. 24 Punctuation. 3 Assert.
9 Damsel. mark. 4 Offer. 17 Renovate.
11 Kind of saw. 25 Pulling. 6 Beg. 19 Motionless.
12 Kill. along. 5 Witch's. 21 Harmonise.
14 Blemish. 27 Profit. spell. 22 Prescribed.
16 Get up. 28 Middle. 7 Meals. food.
18 Willow. 28 Middle. 10 Blockhead. 23 Minister.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Clutch, 4 Scale, 7
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day, 14 Breathe, 16 Bone, 17 Colum,
19 Legal, 20 Treated, 21 Rite, 23
Means, 24 Fight, 25 Study, 26
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BOMB INCIDENT AT CALCUTTA MEETING

MONROE DOCTRINE PROPOSAL

Washington, July 14.
An extension of the Monroe Doctrine to Western Europe was suggested today by Senator Flanders (Republican, Vermont) as an alternative to ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty.

A resolution calling on President Truman to promulgate the extension was introduced in the Senate by Senator Flanders with the support of Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio).

The Monroe Doctrine, which was enunciated by President Monroe in 1823, declared that the United States would not interfere in European affairs, but would view with displeasure any attempt by the European powers to subject the nations of the New World to their political system.

Both Senators opposed the Treaty in its present form on the ground that it commits the United States to supply arms to Western Europe. Senator Flanders said the extent of America's obligation to Western Europe could be worked out by the Senate.

He told reporters that he was concerned about the danger of arming countries which might change their form of government.

Opposing the North Atlantic Treaty, Senator William Langer (Republican) described it as a "bold-faced military alliance initiated by the United States."

"If the Treaty is a constructive step towards a realistic peace, why is it still necessary to surround it with double talk, evasion, misrepresentation and a complete lack of candour," Senator Langer asked. -Reuter.

He said that the world's most powerful "atomic" exploding machine may be built in Australia. The machine would be used to explore the interior of the atom and would work on novel principles. It would enable particles to be directed at an atom with a force of 2,000 million volts. The proposed machine would be one-third of the size but twice as powerful as the one being built in Birmingham, the Professor said. He explained that atom-smashing cyclotrons had so far used only between 20,000 and 30,000 volts. The machine - which would weigh 1,500 tons, might be erected within a Canberra hillside, an underground site being necessary to protect workers against dangerous rays. -Reuter.

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Nehru Greeted With Violence

Calcutta, July 14.

A bomb exploded at a corner of the huge parade ground here today while the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, was calling on a mammoth meeting to "face the Communist trouble squarely."

One policeman was killed and five people wounded when the bomb was thrown at a police picket guarding the crowd of a 1,000,000 men and women. After the meeting, Pandit Nehru returned to Government House.

On the route, a young man carrying a loaded revolver was challenged by the police and fired three times at a policeman. Later a man was arrested.

It was later learned that the shots after the meeting were fired at the Deputy Commissioner of Police, who was on duty at the gate through which Mr. Nehru was expected to pass on his way back to Government House. All the shots missed.

A police sergeant rushed towards the young man, jumped from his horse and fired several shots at him, eventually seizing him with a revolver in his hand. No one was hurt in the shooting.

Before the meeting, five other bomb explosions occurred in scattered areas of Calcutta, injuring two policemen and several passers-by.

The huge meeting climaxed Mr. Nehru's three-day "fact-finding" visit to Calcutta to investigate the unrest and violence in Bengal.

"Remain Calm"

The Prime Minister called on the crowd to "fight back" the menace of Communism. "Do not run away from it," he said.

"The way for civil liberties raised in certain quarters is not for genuine civil liberties. If these people have their way India will suffer the same fate as Germany under Hitlerism."

Half-way through the speech people in one corner threw leaflets into the air and shouted anti-Congress slogans.

When some of his audience became restless, Mr. Nehru called out: "Please remain calm. Stay where you are. It is a challenge to the vast majority of this audience that a few seek to create trouble."

"It is for you, the people, to take up this challenge. His appeal was greeted by an outburst of cheering and he continued his speech after asking the police not to interfere with the demonstrators.

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"Any measures against Swedish ships in the so-called blockade are against International Law," an official communiqué said.

"It is pointed out that a blockade must be effective to be binding," it added. -Reuter.

British Pilots' Escape

Rangoon, July 14.

A British pilot had to dive for cover when rebel bullets tore into his De Havilland Dove aeroplane parked on Lanvwa airstrip during a two-hour battle on Wednesday, it was learned today.

Lanvwa, a Burma Oil Company town North of Yangon stands on the bank of the Irrawaddy directly opposite Chaul, where the British nationals from the BOC's station at Yangon are making their new headquarters.

The Britons have been forced to withdraw from Yangon as a result of the acute military situation in that area.

BOC headquarters announced that the plane was on a chartered flight to the oilfields where surface communications with Rangoon have been cut off by the fighting.

None of the plane's crew was injured in the post-dawn battle, the BOC said, and the damaged aircraft is expected back in Rangoon on Friday after repairs.

The withdrawal of British nationals from Burma's largest oil centre of Yangon, 360 miles North of Rangoon, has been completed without incident, the BOC announced. -Associated Press.

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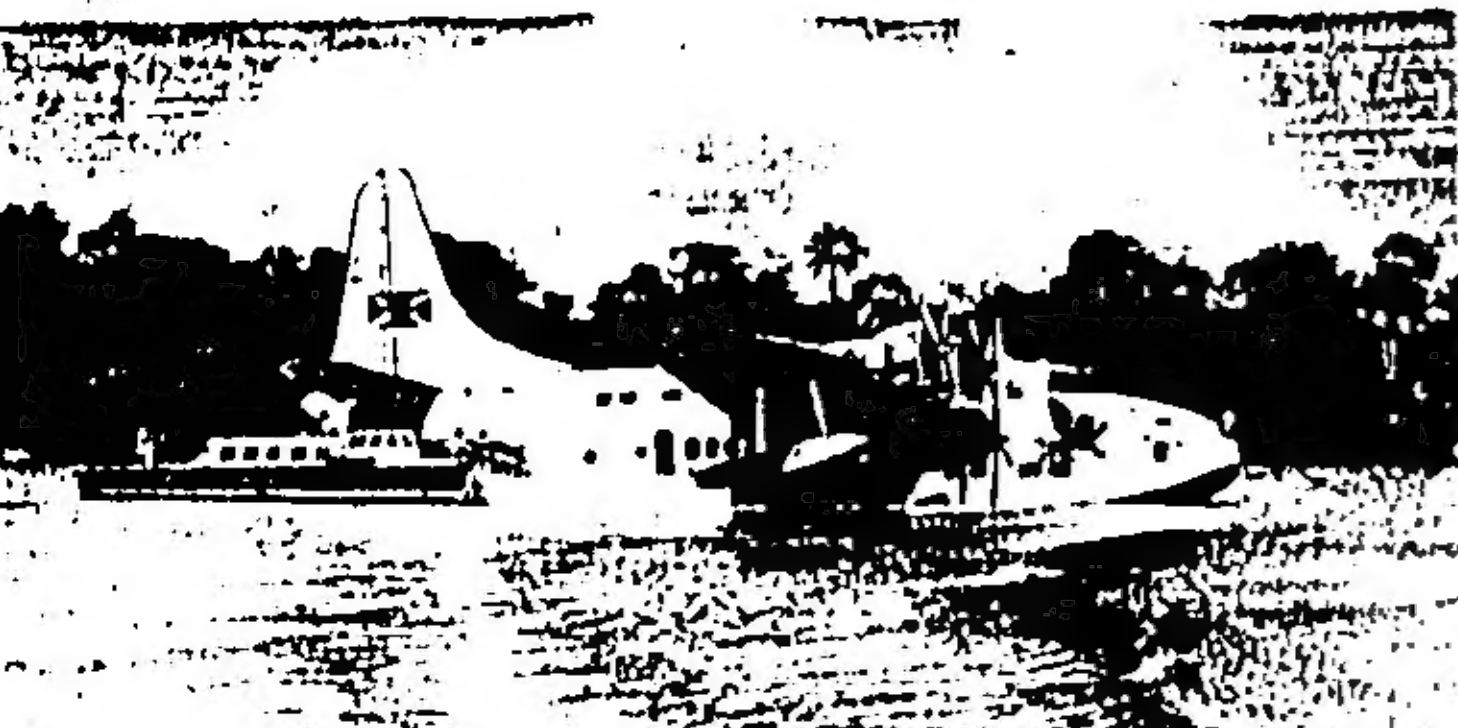
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ARMY IMPACT

From the time of the first announcement that the Hong Kong garrison was to be materially increased, it was obvious that the arrival of such a large body of troops would have considerable effect on the community. The military authorities, it was realised, would have many problems to face, and not a few headaches, in their attempts to make everything run relatively smoothly and efficiently. To complicate matters, time was of the essence, as an emergency might arise at short notice.

On the whole, the Service chiefs can take credit for their tactful and capable handling of the situation, but in some ways their actions leave much to be desired. They seem—and perhaps this was inevitable—to have accepted the opinions of senior civil servants and prominent business men as to what should be done, and the results can be seen, for instance, in requisitioning. Following the usual Hong Kong practice, the properties of the wealthy and powerful are apparently sacrosanct, while a group such as the La Salle College brothers, who wield no strong influence, find themselves on a losing wicket.

The college has not yet been taken over, and we offer the suggestion to all parents concerned that they should combine with the brothers to fight this move. It is no use applying to the unofficial members of the Legislature, but a mass protest to the Governor, to be signed by many outside sympathisers as well, might achieve results. This would almost certainly be reported in the London newspapers, and the entire subject, with this as a peg, could be aired in Parliament. We think such a move would be successful.

Judging by correspondence and our own observation, there are plenty of people willing to take the Quartering Authority to almost any length, empty blocks of flats, or new hotels which would be ideal for conversion to a military hospital. Even more suitable would be some of the enormous mansion houses, several of which are occupied by only two or three members of a wealthy family. We ourselves can point to one large dwelling which has been vacant for some time, the owners preferring to live in other of their houses. We cannot believe the authorities are not already aware of its existence, and would be most interested to learn how they could possibly justify ignoring it, while proposing to take over a school with nearly a thousand pupils. The only answer would seem to be the familiar statement: "You can't buck important people round here."

A correspondent mentioned the Castle Peak Hotel, just open to the public which can afford to go. Not only would it have made a good hospital (without disturbing any residents) but it pointedly suggested itself as a perfect Forces' leave centre. The "China Mail" recommended such a project some weeks ago, and it would probably have produced the greatest boost to morale that could be envisaged, but we have yet to

Marinus Has An Elixir For Bald

Two elderly, gleaming-topped Englishmen, who stately refuse visits to a famous hairdresser in Eastern Holland. But, their mission the 1,500 persons taking treatments from Marinus Van Rooyen, the hair-growing barber of Ede.

Forty-nine-year-old Van Rooyen has struck it rich among the hairless with a murky elixir of his own concoction that he jealously guards it even from his own family. With this "liquid" and a series of massage treatments, the wonder barber claims that he can grow hair on most bald heads in a year—or money back.

The two Englishmen who are in an early phase of treatment are still bald. But there is a young farmer who displays blond wisps that he says he did not have four months ago.

And there is Van Rooyen's star exhibit, his first client, Klinka Tolner, who says his hair has been cut three times since it was restored.

Carefully Locked Up
It is useless to inquire into the wonder barber's secret. He refuses to permit cubicle examinations. Every night when the daily pilgrimages of the hairless is over, he carefully locks up his bottles.

When he mixes the liquid, which from the room, Van Rooyen refuses to submit his formula for patent. "Let them look at my results," he says, "that should satisfy them."

Van Rooyen has received many offers to set up shop in a more accessible place than this out-of-the-way village, but he has so far refused. For this the people of the neighbourhood are grateful for they are sharing in the general prosperity.

Ken has begun to resemble a town where gold has been struck. Local hotels and restaurants are full. The traffic is almost too much for the narrow roads. The village farmers talk grandiosely of plans for large hotels to house the hairless.

It is Van Rooyen's hard-bitten secretary who worries the townspeople. He has borne it well under the boom, but they fear that when he dies he will take the secret to the grave and Ken will return to the oblivion from which he raised it.

How He Works
But these disturbing thoughts are pushed away as each day a flood of mail from all over the world brings new inquiries, new applications for treatment. The wonder barber takes little, but he is willing to show how his works.

First, he examines the pate with a magnifying glass, pressing down with two wads of cotton then brushing vigorously with two stiff brushes. Next follows an application of the secret liquid, which is massaged into the head, followed by a white salve.

In some cases he adds ultra-violet ray treatment, but he says this is not essential. Each new client must sign a contract to pay £25; the money to be returned if there is no visible growth in a year.

Van Rooyen's simple shop, a converted farmhouse, is divided into sections for ladies and gentlemen. His women clients include 2,000 girls, who wear wigs and are working here as servants while taking the treatment. Thus, Ken is probably the only town in Holland without a servant problem.

DANIEL SCHORR.

FORGERIES OF U.S. DOLLARS

London, July 14.
Faked United States dollar notes printed in Norway are being circulated in London to a considerable extent, a detective told the London Central Criminal Court, today.

He was giving evidence against Douglas Guy, Julian Jacoby, aged 31, clerk of Wandsworth, London, who was sent to prison for 12 months for possessing 20 forged US\$100 notes.

On the judge's direction, the jury stopped the case against Jacoby, aged 41, a tall, thin man, who was charged with possessing forged notes. He was discharged.

Detective Sergeant Stanley said that he was a canvasser for orders for the notes, which were printed in Norway and brought to this country.

According to a written statement, Jacoby said that he met someone at a West End hotel who had asked him to find a buyer for them.

hear that the subject has even been examined. In his opinion, the Army has sufficient strength not to worry about stepping on the toes of the well-to-do, whose rule in the colony is becoming progressively dangerous to a community which is developing to a democratic country which Britain has always been so proud of at home.

THE CITIES OF AMERICA

STIMULATION FOR ENGLISH VISITOR

To an Englishman there must be something endlessly stimulating about the great new cities of America. New York, that unique and lovely metropolis of towers and Babylonian terraces, I have described in my previous article. Of the older cities, Boston has been the subject of an appeal to him by its beauty, and because of the cultivated tastes of its inhabitants.

If it was once the centre of revolutionary anti-English feeling, it has long, also, been the centre of the English connection. In Boston an Englishman feels at home, spiritually, even architecturally. Original still count there, and I recall how, when the first morning I went to have my hair cut, the barber, after he asked me if I was from England, told me that his ancestor was one of three brothers who had left Bedfordshire in 1635.

From Boston to Buffalo is a far cry, in history. There I fulfilled my first engagement. New York: an occasion I arrived early on an autumn morning and stood in a queue in the hall of the hotel to obtain a room. Eventually I was shown up by a bell-hop, who promptly turned on the wireless. Appalling misgivings and besotted synopses flooded the room immediately.

"Turn that off, please," I requested. "Then," he replied, "you're not fond of music?"

I retorted, "Then I am fond of music, you mean."

Miles Of Avenues

Nor did Buffalo's Main Street prepare me for the lay-out of the other portions of the town, with their miles of double avenues of elm trees, planted by the same landscaper, gardener who had created those at Washington; nor for the superb modern concert-hall, designed by a celebrated Finnish architect. But Buffalo, too, is—or was—a comparatively ancient city—it was burned in 1812 by the British, as I was several times reminded, though kindly.

New Orleans, again, will un- unduly interest Americans more than Europeans, for no one familiar with Latin or Creole cities—or even with those of North Africa—will feel surprised by the elaborate balconies and rather austere brick squares which he will find here. The beauty of New Orleans all belong to the South. But in the great cities of the North and middle-west, they be-

long to the present and the future. There, inter-dive rivalry consists of an attempt to create beauty, not to destroy it. The cultural life of an English city is today almost entirely occupied with intensely practical

By SIR OSBERT SITWELL

and humane matters, such as an attempt to house a burgeoning population. On the cultural level, the endeavour is confined to an effort to salvage disconnected fragments of a great tradition, to preserve small parts of Bath, Brighton and London from the hands of planners and from town councils, or the march, like so many flights of locusts, to devour beauty. In fact, at the very least, there is a far larger and more substantial host of Philistines in England than in the wider spaces and larger populations of the States.

Province Of Ceres

Such a great and recent creation as Kansas City, however, has all its weight in the future. Magnificently disposed, among wooded hills on the fringe of the greatest corn country in the world, the very province of Ceres, it awaits with a sense of security that greater position which the future must inevitably bring it. In every way you are made to feel how recent and exciting the building up of life here has been. Only a few generations ago, the country was inhabited solely by Redskins, leading their nomadic lives, fishing and hunting. My hostess at dinner the second night of my visit was the great-niece of Jesse James, a romantic and fabulous character of the Middle West, comparable to Robin Hood in England.

But Kansas City, though it seems so far away, has a superb cultural centre in the museum, the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, one of the finest in the country, with a collection of Chinese art unrivalled elsewhere in the continent except in Toronto and the Metropolitan in New York. It stands, moreover, as a living assertion of the value of living assertion of the value of the petrified quality sometimes to be seen in European galleries.

St. Paul, Minnesota, presents in

its civic life one most interesting feature: a conscious effort to preserve the culture of the racial groups who form the community. Swedish and Yugoslav embroideries, Finnish furniture and the minarcarts of Italy are all encouraged by exhibitions held in an institute erected for the purpose. Nor does this in any way impair the growth of the American spirit. Here the Library is the centre of the cultural life of the city and I bring to the attention of library authorities elsewhere the fact that it contains studies in which an author may work undisturbed, carefully guarded against the outside world by custodians.

A Pleasure Town

Very different in quality from these great cities I have mentioned is the little town of Sarasota, Florida, on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Here the late John Ringling, of the Ringling-Barnum Circus, created, some 40 years ago, a small pleasure city, erecting, causeways, opening up beaches, and planting wide avenues of the finest tropical trees. This remarkable man also gave to the town a fine museum, and brought to the region from Spain and Italy, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of statues. By means of placing them in the middle of lawns and gardens and avenues, he provided a Southern European accent which seems peculiarly suitable to the district. Now the trees are tall and the statues have weathered, the hibiscus bushes and the orange groves which he planted have grown to be enormous; and for them the blue skies and the blue seas in which the cranes and pelicans fish with such an air of reserve and distinction, provide the finest of settings.

About three miles away, the great circus, a city of animals, still has its winter quarters; 60 elephants are stabled in an open shed of wood and straw, and the painted special trains that convey the animals and their attendants, are drawn up on sites in their encampments.

Within the scope of this article, I have tried to paint for the reader something of the infinite variety and zest of the modern American background. I have tried to give some idea of the wideness of the spaces, of the differences in climate and origin, and of the sense of a secure and illimitable future. In my next article I shall be concerned with the present state of the arts arising from those facts and conditions.

By HUBERT SCOTT

quiring knowledge primarily of use to him in his immediate career.

The introduction of specialised departments into universities can be criticised on the ground that it may lead to a narrow concept of education.

The leaders in American university life are aware of this danger, which is very real, yet the two factors mentioned have had an important effect in integrating the university life into that of the community, and in a way that would be impossible without the English university system.

It is not altogether chance that university sport in the United States has almost an equality of following with professional sport, nor that you find the individual citizen with a surprising knowledge of and interest in university affairs and often of highly specialised research projects pursued in the universities.

Standards Vary

And of the student life itself: the same light-hearted disregard for convention is to be found going hand in hand with the same depth of thought, and just as inexplicably, as in England.

So, although at first you may feel somewhat shocked at being introduced to a school of investigation, the teaching of reading in infant schools, or the cold drink (the American answer to 100 in the shade), serves to bridge the Atlantic, and after an casual discussion on the relative accuracy of calling a straw a "caper" you find that the American university techniques combine with statistical methods, any making it easier for American students to read, and so on.

Specialised Work

Yet almost certainly these differences have come about because in the United States the university is generally required to meet a different educational demand from that of an English university. In the United States the university is a place where the student is not only to be trained, but to be frequently taking work that is completed in the secondary or grammar school in England.

Used Opera Glasses

Lecture classes in the big universities are generally much larger than in England, and even under normal conditions the average State or city university will have ten or twenty thousand students compared with a few thousand in England.

Recently classes range from 100 to 500; when it is often necessary for the lecturer to use a public address system in order to make himself heard to students, most of whom he never has a chance to see personally.

At least one American student has been known to use a pair of opera glasses to read the black-board.



The Indian Government seems to want the Portuguese Government in Goa way.

Unless Catholics become ex-Communists they are liable to become excommunicants.

An outgoing passenger at Kai Tak was caught with 77 lbs. of raw opium. Nabbed just as he was going into a snake.

It is not only tools by schemers made that come out of Persia.

La Salle A Manger? Lets all stick up for La Salle... and put the Army patients in the new nine stores, that which are awaiting occupation. They'll be safe as the Bible there, and there's plenty of credit to build more where that came from.

A chap who says he never looks at other women must have very bad eyesight.

Three hundred Communists youths armed with files tried to stop the showing of the "Iron Curtain" in Amsterdam. Seems as if they took the title a bit literally.

Cobbler who turned pickpocket to be deported. Booted out or shoed off for the last time?

Were Writers When the moon is full a young Roman likes to howl like a wolf. If he were here he would probably work it off writing a letter to the editor.

A Turkish claimant to having discovered Noah's floating hotel in one part of the country has found that he has a rival in another. An Ark and a nark!

We were always very lenient when playing whist with Mrs. Stewart of the Brins in her later days, but there was never a game in which she didn't say, "Ye widna trump ma aice, wid ye?"

Hard Times. A man has just got 12 months in England for passing phony US\$100 bills. Hard currency, if you get it the easy way, can mean hard labour.

Bao Dai has just been busily installing himself as leader of all the Annamites at the ancient capital of Hue, pronounced Hooy. And that's how it all sounds to Ho Chi Minh.

Seven shells burst in Hue just where the premier was to speak. His later: He "didn't" seem startled at this over-enthusiasm of his loyal subjects.

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CRIPPS ANNOUNCES FURTHER AUSTERITY SCHEME FOR UK

Colossal Reduction In Dollar Imports SUGAR RATION CUT

LONDON, JULY 14.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT BRITAIN IS TO CUT HER DOLLAR IMPORTS IN 1949-50 BY £100,000,000 BECAUSE OF THE DOLLAR "GAP". HE MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE OPENING OF A TWO-DAY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Six Commonwealth Finance Ministers and the heads of two other Commonwealth delegations heard the Chancellor say that the dollar import cuts means reducing Britain's sugar ration to eight ounces weekly. Sweets will go back on the ration after three months' free sale.

He announced that the \$110,000,000 originally budgeted for buying tobacco will be cut by \$20,000,000. The Minister of Food, Sir Stafford said, would announce some increases in other foods—butter, meat and bacon—which are governed by supplies coming from non-dollar sources.

It would be impossible to import all the cotton from dollar areas which had been hoped for "but we shall import at least as much as last year," the Chancellor added.

Britain would have to cut off part of her imports of steel.

He had not at this stage decided on any additional restrictions on petrol consumption.

Cuts would be necessary in imports of all important materials but the effects of these cuts would vary from material to material.

The principal materials affected would be timber, paper and pulp, non-ferrous metals, steel and cotton.

The Chancellor said he had decided to work on the assumption that Britain would not be able to afford in 1949-50 more than 75 per cent of her imports from the dollar area in 1948.

"These imports in 1948 amounted to about £400,000,000 and we are thus working on the assumption that we shall not be able to afford to import dollar goods at a rate of more than £300,000,000," Sir Stafford stated.

There should be enough raw materials to sustain Britain's present overall level of production.

No New Help

The combined effects of the standard agreement on dollar purchases and the reduced import programme should eventually produce a marked reduction on the strain on Britain's reserves, the Chancellor added.

"The Commonwealth conference, we hope, will result in some immediate action by the rest of the Sterling Area," he continued.

He was discussing short-term measures to improve Britain's dollar position with the United States and Canadian Governments, but there was no suggestion of new financial help.

Sir Stafford declared that his recent discussion with Mr. John Snyder, United States Secretary for the Treasury, and Mr. D. C. Abbott, Canadian Finance Minister, had been "most fruitful".

Sir Stafford said that it was in the light of his talk with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abbott and the start of the conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers that the picture of the past three months could be seen in "somewhat clearer detail".

Giving a factual account of Britain's position at the end of

this year's second quarter, the Chancellor said that the British deficit with the dollar area had come out on present calculations at £160,000,000, £30,000,000 more than the Government forecast.

He thought the new dollar European payment scheme would lead to a considerable improvement in Britain's gold and dollar position with Belgium as compared with last year. There would be a similar improvement in Britain's position with Switzerland if she joined the scheme. Negotiations on that point were now going on. Most of the increase in the gold and dollar deficit during the half year result from smaller receipts from the dollar area, "although some is due to the increased out-goings from the United Kingdom and certain other countries."

The Problem

The Sterling Area was currently running a deficit with the dollar area at the rate of £400,000,000 a year—and a half times the total of its gold reserves.

Amid cheers Sir Stafford commented, "No one doubts that condition of affairs must be altered."

Britain had contributed "many hundreds of millions Sterling" towards world recovery. She had incurred "huge dollar loans and liabilities" which had been used "to maintain the strength and stability of the whole Sterling Area."

"The long-term problem, for which we must try to find a solution with our American and Canadian friends, and with other too, is to secure a stable relationship between the Sterling and dollar areas without losing the maximum degree of exchange of commodities while preserving to each country concerned the right to decide its own internal economic balance."

We are prepared and anxious to make our contribution to such a solution, but that solution must be sought upon the basis of continuing full employment in each individual country.

"It is the search for this long-term solution which started so auspiciously at our meeting last week with the United States and Canadian representatives."

"The really important result of the discussion with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abbott was that our three Governments were in complete agreement that the problems before us could not be solved by any easy improvisation

or by any one country alone, and that it was, therefore, imperative that we should, together, try to find a fundamental solution."

No Devaluation

The recent discussions and the further "high-level" talks in Washington early in September would, he hoped, strengthen the "ability to carry out the co-operation to which the pledged in agreement with other European Powers."

Turning to the immediate situation, Sir Stafford read a passage from last week's communiqué—"In this connection no suggestion was made that Sterling be devalued."

"And that, I hope, is that," he commented.

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Tobacco:—A \$20,000,000 reduction still meant that Britain would spend substantially more dollars on tobacco than last year.

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Non-ferrous metals:—A cut of some 25 per cent in dollar expenditure, but because of the changes in sources of supply and alterations in price, consumption would be kept at about the existing level.

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INDO-CHINA TENSION INCREASES

Saigon, July 14.

French army forces are concentrating amid mounting tension along the frontier between Burma and Indo-China, the semi-official France Presse Agency announced today.

The Agency reported an official source as saying that a Chinese band had crossed the frontier and besieged the Indo-Chinese post of Thong Feung, about 120 miles west of Luang Prabang, during June.

"Liaison with this post has been re-established recently," the Agency added. It did not say if the siege has been lifted.—Associated Press.

Forest of all Sterling Area countries was the same to preserve the stability of Sterling and the strength of the reserves.

"Exactly what contributions we can each make to this purpose and how best we can make them depend upon the form of our trade with the dollar area," he said.

"We must all sell all we can for dollars even if it means some of the rest, including the United Kingdom, having less as a consequence. And we must cut down our dollar expenditure. There matters, I am now discussing with colleagues from the other Commonwealth countries."

Dealing with the high cost of British production, the Chancellor said that the concentration on buying non-dollar materials had resulted in Britain's having to pay more for raw materials than in the past.

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UK INDUSTRY GIVEN SHOCK

London, July 14.

The 25 per cent cut in Britain's imports from the dollar area announced by Sir Stafford Cripps today will undoubtedly come as a shock, particularly to industry.

It may prove a salutary shock but its effects should not be minimised. If Britain had been able, without ill effects, to cut out £100,000,000 worth of dollar supplies she would have done it before this.

Dollar shortage is no new discovery. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, himself described the cuts as a "thoroughly evil necessity."

The effect will be aggravated by the Chancellor's incidental remark that Britain and other parts of the Sterling Area will have to send more goods to dollar markets, at the expense of Sterling countries including Britain herself.

Thus supplies for Britain will be doubly reduced, both by cuts in dollar supplies and by the diversion of more essential Sterling supplies to dollar markets.

Unfortunately, these severe measures cannot in themselves have much immediate or remedial effect on the problem. The Chancellor specifically refused to describe them as remedies.

Dollar cuts of £100,000,000 a year still leave a very large gap. For the current quarter the cuts can hardly become effective at all, and the Chancellor warned that there would be a further loss of reserves during this quarter.

Sir Stafford thought they should "eventually" produce a marked reduction in the drain on the reserves. The Commonwealth conference, he said, might bring similar action by other Sterling countries but the long-term solution must be sought "with our American and Canadian friends and with others, too."

He mentioned that a complete solution cannot be expected even at the Washington conference in September. It might take months longer than that, he said.

Below Pre-War Level

These dollar import cuts for the coming 12 months are from:

For the financial year 1948-50 food imports from dollar sources, it is estimated, will be only 12 per cent of the total food purchases abroad, compared with 25 per cent in 1947-48 and 10 per cent in the years 1934 to 1938.

Dollar expenditures on food have been almost halved in the last few years. The programme for 1949-50, still under discussion, will, it is understood, be well below \$500,000,000, compared with \$801,000,000 in 1940-47.

In 1947-48 the figure was \$702,000,000 and in 1948-49 food worth \$555,000,000 was bought in the dollar area.

Of the 12 per cent of total food imports in 1948-50 paid for in dollars, wheat purchases will account for nine per cent. Sugar is the next biggest drain, with Canadian bacon, Canadian cheese, and a few other items making up the balance.

May Be Avoided

Not quite enough sugar is produced within the Sterling Area to avoid some dollar purchases, but it is believed that dollar allocations for sugar may be avoided in future through special trading measures.

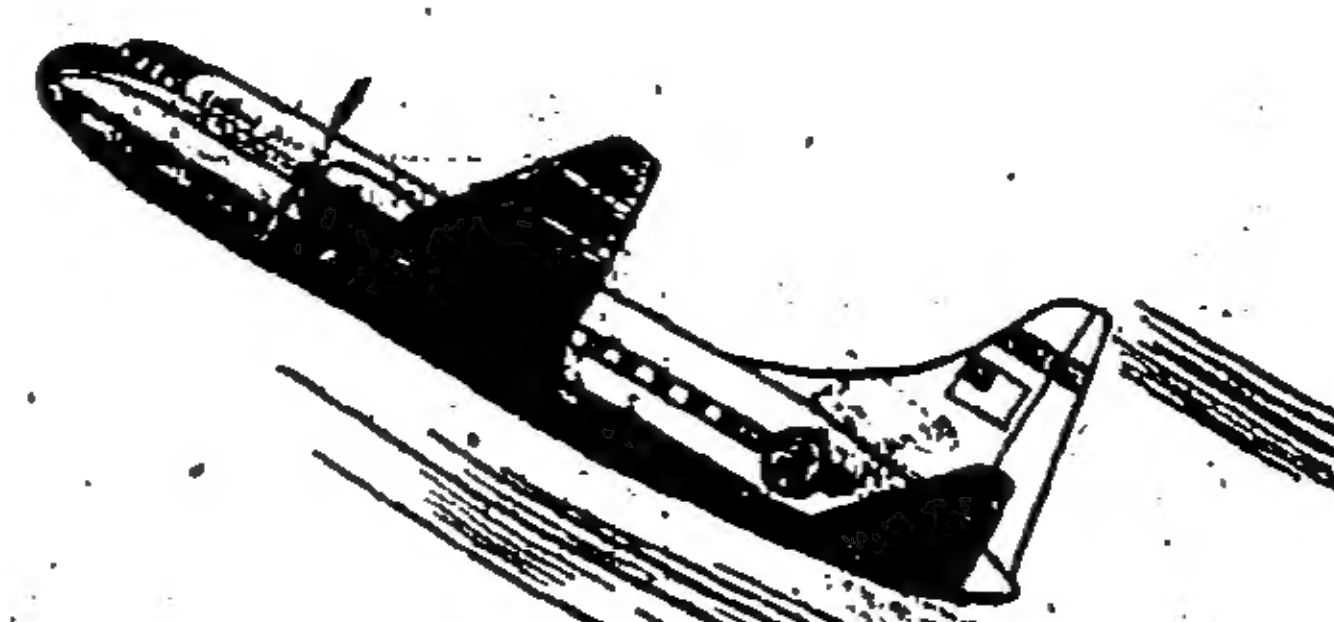
Of British bacon supplies in the current 1948-50 period, seven per cent will be bought against dollars under a contract with Canada running to the end of the financial year. Other bacon imports come from Denmark, Poland and Hungary.

The nation's two main rationed foods—meat and butter—now come entirely from non-dollar countries: butter from Australia, New Zealand, Denmark and Holland; meat from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Uruguay and France.—Reuter.

Exports to the United States which averaged £5,500,000 monthly in the first quarter this year and had fallen to £3,000,000 in May, fell further to £2,988,000 in June.

Exports to Canada also fell from the May figure of £7,600,000 to rather more than £6,000,000 in June.—Reuter.

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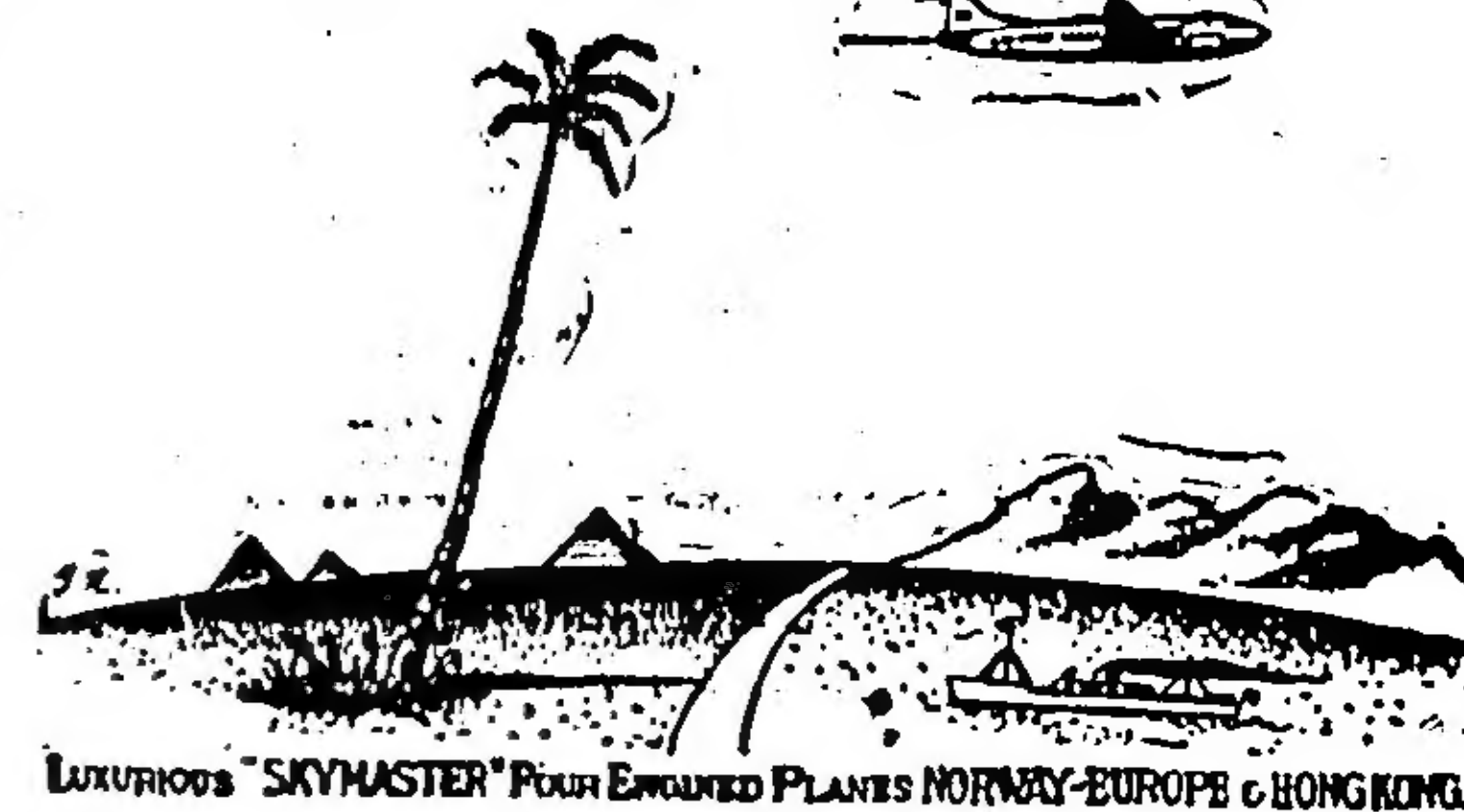
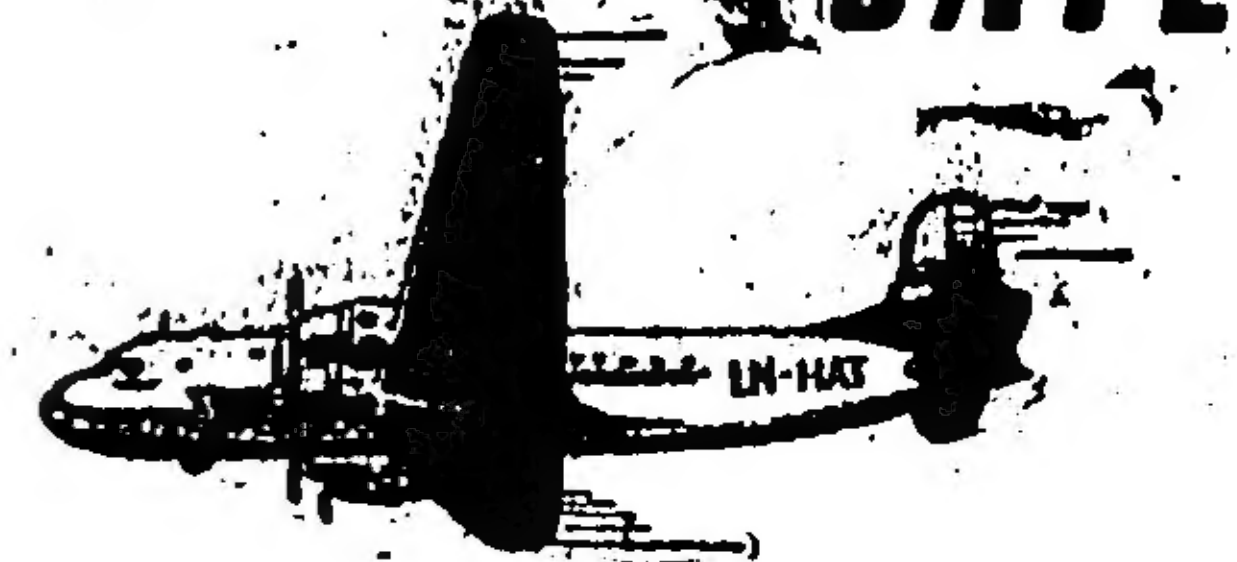
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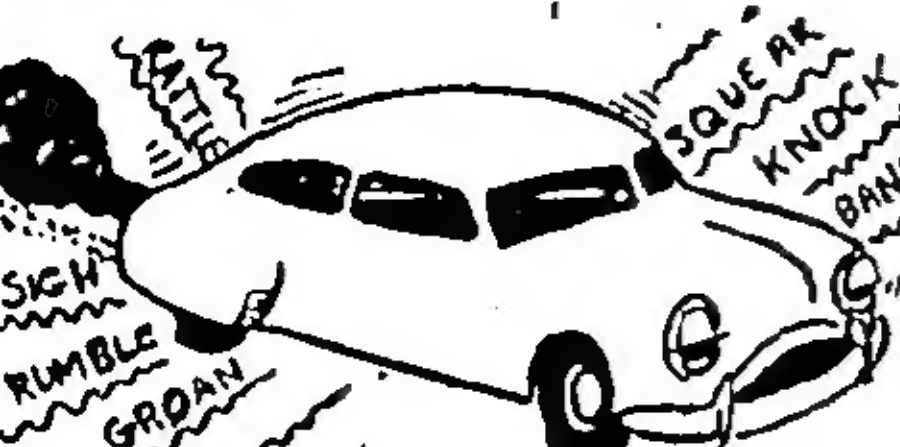
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Lack Of Capital For New Cars

A SHORTAGE of investment capital for the U.S. motor industry is preventing new motor manufacturers from achieving even the most modest production plans, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce."

More than 25 companies have announced plans for building new cars since the war, most of them for the \$1,000 dollar (£250) market, but so far none of these models is available.

The paper gives the example of the Playboy Motor Car Corporation, which planned to build 12,000 small cars to retail at \$995 in its first year of production.

It originally offered 20,000,000 shares at \$1 dollar each, but had to withdraw this offer. Now it is trying to raise a modest \$3,000,000 (about £750,000) for re-tooling.

The Keller Motor Corporation has already sent samples of its new model to about half its retailers and is hoping to begin retail deliveries early this summer. This depends, however, on an issue of 5,000,000 ordinary shares, shortly to be offered to the public.

The Davis Motor Car Corporation, a Californian firm, has spent five years trying to introduce its \$1,000 three-wheeler and has now modified its plans, so that the car will be available only on the Pacific Coast.

Another Californian firm, the International Motor Car Co., has yet to put on the market its "Town Shopper," first announced in 1947.

HYDRAMATIC FOR LINCOLN

After a long period of experimental work on new transmissions of their own incorporating hydraulic torque converters, it is reported by Automotive Industries that Lincoln and Mercury will shortly be offering the General Motors Hydramatic transmission as an optional extra.

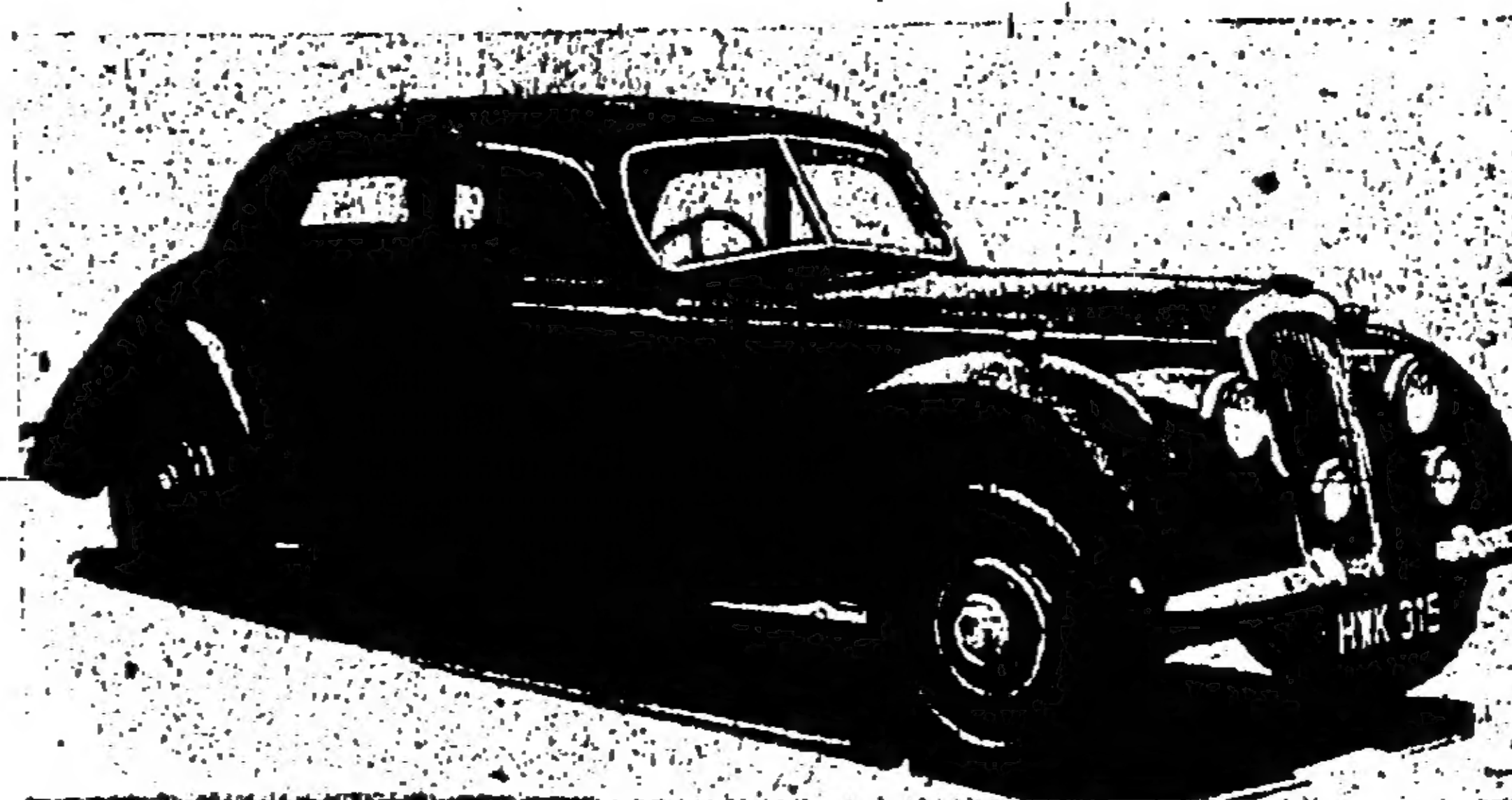
AN INN WITHIN

One of the unusual features of the Chateau Impney, a new hotel which was opened on April 3 at Droitwich Spa, is an inn in other words, two rooms of the chateau which are out of character with the French-inspired elegance of the building as a whole, have been made into the Corbett tavern, with its own entrance.

COSTLY SAFETY

London authorities have protested at the high cost of hiring safety displays from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, but the Minister of Transport has said that charges were designed only to cover costs, and that investigation had shown that the Society's business was handled in an efficient way.

MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS



Restrained and yet not dated in its appearance, the Riley has impressive and well-balanced proportions. The roof, which has no sliding section, is covered in a grained plastic material.

Riley Model Has Made Great Name For Itself

Since it was introduced in 1946 the 2½-litre Riley has been establishing a great name for its performance and handling qualities.

From the outset it was apparent that with its high-output 2½-litre four-cylinder engine, designed for efficiency on lines which Riley's have so well understood for many years, this car provided with roomy saloon comfort one of the very highest all-round performances available in any car of the present time.

If one additionally considers the fact that the list price in Great Britain is under £1,000, it is probably true that in this fine example of British specialist car is offered the highest performance available today at the price at which it sells.

When it was introduced the present range of Rileys looked modern, yet without a hint of extremist tendencies; today, when styling, sometimes in exaggerated forms, has come very much to the fore, these cars still do not look dated, and the discerning type of motorist appreciates the clean-cut, unequivocal lines.

In the more recent examples of the model improvements have been incorporated in the natural course of evolution—still more power has been extracted from the very willing twin-camshaft engine, yet it has been made smoother and more tractable at the lower end of the speed range; in the course of development braking has been improved in keeping with the needs of so very fast a car, and, still more recently, a number of bodywork refinements have been incorporated.

It is a car for the real motorist enthusiast, the type of driver who wants to go far and fast, who appreciates and can obtain the utmost from steering, braking and handling qualities all designed to fit exactly the demands made on a car when high averaging is required.

Safety Factor

Most important of all, perhaps, is the safety factor which accompanies the performance.

In very few cars, past or present, can one feel so keenly, as with this Riley that it is ambling along a good main road at 60 to 70 m.p.h.

By ambling is meant that there is no sense of mechanical effort or suggestion of moving quickly, yet this rate represents to very many people a maximum, seldom if ever used in other cars.

Bonds are taken fast by, scarcely more than bearing on the wheel—there is no conscious effort in the process—and on the straight at speed the driver need no more than rest his hands lightly on the wheel, applying the nearest guidance to keep the car on its course.

A thoroughly rigid foundation in the shape of a well-designed frame is a large part of the Riley's exceptional feeling of tautness and stability.

The road-holding, the accuracy of steering that any experienced driver will recognise to be fully

implied in such praise of road-worthiness cannot be obtained without some disadvantages. The torsion bar suspension, to give the effects described, is firm to the point of letting road surface variations be fairly noticeable, and the fairly high geared rack and pinion type of steering is not as light at low speeds as some systems which do not have to cope, on occasion, with 90 m.p.h.

These, however, are points which one accepts in weighing up the car as a whole.

Full Pressure

With many excellent Rileys of the past clearly in mind one expects this car to have an engine which can be given the hardest work without flagging, and once again in the present test has this been shown to be so.

Within the limitations imposed by British roads and traffic conditions some very hard driving has been put in on this 2½-litre, yet never did the engine water thermometer exceed a reading of 70 deg C, and never did the oil pressure show a falling off.

A full-flow pressure oil filter in the engine lubrication system and 14 pints of oil in the sump help to inspire confidence when high speeds are being maintained. British roads cramp this car, but certainly it can make the very best use of them, as witnessed by average speed performance recorded, examples being 63 miles in one hour, 64 miles in another, and 65 miles in yet another, the last forming part of a run over an admittedly selected favourable route during which 74.5 miles were covered in 77 minutes, and 102 miles in two hours exactly.

Opportunity did not present of seeing a speedometer reading higher than 90, on a stretch of road on which the car did not have a completely clear run, and where it was still accelerating when the brakes had to be used.

The instrument had an appreciable optimism at the higher rates, but certainly the reading quoted means a figure genuinely exceeding 90 m.p.h.

Such average speed recordings as have been mentioned were obtained when, frankly, the driver was trying. Another almost as impressive part of the performance is the way in which hour readings of 45 and 46 miles can be put up without exceeding, say, 70 m.p.h.—results which are usually considered creditable.

All Comfort

With the Riley, to average 50 in the hour is almost a commonplace

and only mileages beyond that figure assume special interest. Such is its calibre.

From the comfort point of view the suspension is extremely effective and a remarkably good back seat ride is given. It being very noticeable that there is no tendency for passengers to be thrown sideways when bends are being taken at the speeds the car's rock-steady stability invites.

The driving position is a good one in that the big spring-spoked steering wheel is in a position for full power of control; indeed, it would be surprising and disturbing if it were otherwise on such a car.

The wheel is slightly off-set to the left and is telescopically adjustable on the column. One's left leg is not as comfortable as it could be, although improvement has been made in this direction, particularly meeting a long-standing criticism of a very good car.

Driving vision is virtually perfect, and the now all but unique complete view afforded of both front wings helps enormously to give confidence.

Head room has been increased in this low-built car by comparison with the earlier examples. The windscreen pillars are wide enough to be a little obstructive at times.

Brakes are the Girling hydro-mechanical system operating hydraulically on the front wheels and through mechanical linkage on the rear. They are a big task on a car of this performance and no particularly light weight, but they cope with requirements in a manner which inspires confidence.

Gear Change

The way in which the brakes can be "laid on" at all speeds without upsetting stability is a great part of the car's strong safety factor.

The gear change is by the now increasingly uncommon central vertical remote control lever, and especially in such a car one values its positiveness. The synchromesh is smoothly effective for all ordinary fast changing, full-depression of the clutch pedal being desirable.

Gear changing in relation to hill-climbing takes on a different significance from the normal. This car will fly over a main road slope at a steady 80, where the road is clear, accelerating all the way, and it is only through a baulk or for something quite severe in gradients that one has to think of gear changing as an aid to climbing.

A usual hill of 1 in 64 gradient was taken at a minimum speed of 30 m.p.h. on third gear, second being required, however, in kindness to a high-compression engine for rounding an acute corner at the summit.

Flexibility and tractability at low speeds about town are noticeably improved over the earliest 2½-litres. No longer does one feel that it is desirable to drop to third below about 25 m.p.h., and to start on second gear and then use the top-and-third method of driving sufficient for ordinary running around, there being no suggestion that the car is fierce or difficult to handle in the way that the old-type sports car could be.

Some Amenities

On the other hand there is appreciable plinking, which can be lessened for low-speed running by means of an ignition setting control on the instrument board.

As regards detail amenities, the new elbow rests on the doors are worth having, the twin horns give a good, powerful note, and there is a useful shelf in the front compartment for oddments.

A good rearward view is given by the driving mirror. There is a rear window blind with an easily operated control. The anti-dazzle control consists of a push-button switch on the right of the fascia, an unusual but convenient method, as the switch can be operated without entirely removing the right hand from the wheel.

A reversing light operates in conjunction with the gear lever.

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DOLLAR SHORTAGE PROBLEM SHELVED TILL SEPTEMBER

London, July 14.

Major proposals to solve the world shortage of dollars and bring about a better equilibrium in the world economy will have to wait till September, it became clear today from Commonwealth circles.

Following the Snyder-Cripps statement of last week, consultations between the United States, Britain and Canada, the three dollar countries, will be resumed in Washington in September, side by side with the meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

Most of the Commonwealth countries are represented on the International Monetary Fund—New Zealand and Ceylon are not yet members, and Pakistan's application for admission is pending—and it is presumed that the Commonwealth experts will be available in Washington for putting their heads together to work out common solutions.

It seems to be definite that any question of currency devaluation will not be decided by Britain or other countries in the immediate future. Devaluation is not accepted as a long-term or sole solution to correct the present economic ills of the world.

Devaluation, if it comes at all, is bound to be manifold in its effects and it will be the function of the IMF to decide how far any currency needs writing down and to what extent in relation to others.

The Fund will also have to consider whether, and to what extent, there are internal economic maladjustments in the various countries caught in the trammels of the present gold-dollar crisis.

Devaluation, in Britain as well as in other countries, including

notably India, has its political implications. Britain, for instance, depends on imports for her existence, and already spending about £450 million annually in subsidies to keep the precarious wages-profits-costs of living level, will have to face new problems of rising costs and increased wage demands with all their political implications.

In India, similar problems will arise and prominent leaders, as well as some members of the sterling delegation here, have already pronounced against devaluation.

An increased price of gold, pressed for by South Africa, and France with large gold holdings, has a claim to be seen in its possible effect on the economic structures of other countries.

American Certainty

It is almost certain that the IMF will study these common problems as well as possible internal economic adjustments before formulating long-term solutions.

Any solution, it is felt here, will turn round the question of greater availability of dollars to Sterling Area countries. This is where America will be asked to step in in a large way.

Two directions in which the Americans can help in this solution are major investments abroad and multi-lateral direct credits outside the dollar pool of the Sterling Area.

These questions will be examined individually by the United States. The lesser developed Dominions, like India, Pakistan and Ceylon, have set policies regarding foreign investments.

From the American point of view, the political and economic conditions of these various countries will also be taken into account.

From these aspects, the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference here has helped to see the picture of the whole Sterling Area clearer in its relation to each other within the area and to the dollar bloc. In that sense, the present conference can be considered a "study group," designed to help each country to appreciate its own position in relation to others, and to prepare its case for the September talks in the light of all available facts emerging out of the conference.

One short-term decision taken by the conference is that it is vital to cut down dollar spending.

U.K. Example

Britain has set the example by announcing a cut £100,000,000 in dollar spending in 1949-50. It is generally expected that oil is one of the dollar commodities to be affected.

It seems to be inevitable that Britain will certainly try to pass on some of these dollar cuts to the other members of the Sterling Area, whose bankers she is. But how far each country can, or will, accept tightening in the matter of dollars can be seen only when individual sterling talks are resumed.

In the general discussions following Sir Stafford Cripps' statement at the conference yesterday, Dr. John Mathai, the Indian Finance Minister, made one of the ablest analyses of the world economic situation. It was "learned today."

According to one Dominion source, his speech helped the conference to see the situation not only from the individual point of view of each country but as a complete picture.

The collective discussions of the Ministers may not extend beyond July 18, according to one source today.

The Commonwealth Finance Ministers, in their secret talks today, discussed ways of saving dollars on oil and the possibilities of United States overseas investment in the Sterling Area.

Petrol Cost

When the Finance Ministers met, for the second day, Mr. Hugh Gaitkell, the British Fuel Minister, opened a general discussion on oil and its bearing on the sterling-dollar deadlock. Imports of petroleum products and refining machinery into Commonwealth countries from hard currency areas are believed to have been included in the discussion on oil.

A delegates took part in the discussion. They were confronted by the fact that the yearly cost of Sterling Area petrol is well in excess of £100,000,000 or \$400,000,000.

Although the output of the British oil companies is much greater than consumption in the United Kingdom, the oil industry makes at present the largest single claim on dollar expenditure.

Plans to reduce this dollar drain by the development of refining capacity in the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom—already projected by Britain—are being considered by the conference.

These plans envisage the establishment of a £125,000,000 industry in Britain covering seven new refineries or major extensions. Work has already begun on three of them.

Britain is also considerably increasing the refinery capacity owned by British companies outside the United Kingdom.

In conjunction with American companies, British companies have plans for building pipe-lines to carry crude oil from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean coast.

Mr. Gaitkell, it is understood, gave the conference today a full appreciation of the complex problems of world oil finance and its bearing on the Sterling Area economy.—Reuter.

ITALIAN QUAKE

Rome, July 14. Despatches from Foggia in South East Italy said the Foggia Observatory registered an earth shock at noon today with its centre from 250 to 325 miles away to the South East.—Associated Press.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

A kind word for Canada's capital, if you please. Ottawa is getting tired of being told by visiting city slickers that it is provincial, puritanical, prim and proper.

It has had enough condescending chatter from tourists who lament that "Brooklyn was never like this."

Ottawa doesn't pretend to be the gayest, liveliest, most cosmopolitan place on earth. It says you will have to take the town and the people as you find them, and if you want hot excitement and the rapid pace there are many excellent exits from the city.

It is a delightful, tranquil, beautifully mannered town. It is small—only 160,000 population—but very handsome.

The parliamentary buildings, in noble Gothic, are modelled on Westminster, and when the clock chimes from the soaring Peace Tower it is Big Ben to the life, striking notes that go right to an Englishman's heart.

I might be in a quieter, cleaner, more tiny Whitehall. Ottawa's business is all politics. There are more diplomats, Civil Servants, attaches, Embassy aides, secretaries, and political hangers-on per square inch than anywhere else in the great world excepting Washington.

This is the heart and head of the Dominion. It runs a nation of 12,500,000 people, runs it with a minimum of fuss and bother and no hysteria.

The aftermath of the election has left the capital as placid and untroubled as the Rideau Canal which decorates the city. There is no hubbub or argument on the wide streets or in the great squares.

Prime Minister St. Laurent has left for a holiday after his thundering election victory.

He held a brief Press conference the other day. Dressed in neat brown, his thin, intelligent face outlined by campaign strain, he smiled as he even mildly boasted about his gigantic triumph—the biggest in Canada's political history—or to get worked up over the world financial crisis.

In sending Finance Minister Dr. Abbott to London for the conference of Commonwealth economic chiefs he did say that the motive was to help all, not just to aid Britain.

With a third of Canada's population French-Canadians and not all as wise or internationalist in outlook as St. Laurent, he has to choose his words and his strategy carefully.

Most of the Cabinet are out of town, too, and the new Parliamentary session will not be held until September.

I probably am the most perturbed person in Ottawa. The headlines about Britain's dollar crisis are very grim. From this distance it seems we are on the verge of bankruptcy and the need for action desperate.

Canadians, at least those in Ottawa, are not as upset. They want to help and will help, but they are slightly jarred by the recurrent S.O.S.

How Many More?

How many more crises are looming? Does Britain's Socialist Government intend to keep on asking for Canadian and American money?

And how long does it want the money for—not for just a day, not for just a year, obviously—is it always?

Having bluntly rejected their own Socialists—the Co-operative

Commonwealth Federation—with almost brutal vigour at the polls, Canadians have little time for the United Kingdom variety. Socialism in Britain seems to have meant one internal call for help after another for Canada.

Now people are not saying these things to me as impolitely as I am putting them down, but the feeling is there, the meaning implicit.

Canada just now is prosperous. It thrives. But Canadian trade with the United States shows the biggest deficit since emergency restrictions were imposed in November 1947 to buttress dwindling exchange reserves.

There is a \$5,000,000-dollar gap between imports from, and exports to, the United States. So, despite booming trade, the absence of unemployment, brisk business everywhere in the Dominion, Canada too has its dollar headache.

Little To Spare

It is short of American greenbacks.

Even today a Canadian is allowed to take only 150 dollars a year out of the country to spend in the U.S. So there's not going to be much to spare for Britain.

It looks Canadians to have these restrictions when they see visiting American tourists without even a rubber band on their dollar rolls. The tourists, are welcome. They are good business and good neighbours.

At the moment Ottawa is full of them seeing the sights and photographing.

There are a multitude of trippers at the Chateau Laurier Hotel where I am staying. They are bustling about in the steam-heating heat—it is over 90 every day and insufferably humid—with wonderful vigour.

No Night Clubs

Ottawa's straitlaced attitude to life puzzles them. There are no night clubs here, no cabarets, no burlesque, no stripteasers, not even a theatre, apart from a limping local effort.

You cannot get a bottle of beer sent to your hotel room. In the beverage rooms, or beer parlours, a man who is not escorting a woman must sit in a bachelor's department. (Canadian womanhood is carefully protected.)

But at least Ottawa is gay than when I was last here. Then you had to travel across the river to Hull in Quebec Province to get a cocktail or see a live show. Now there are a few bars—about six in the entire capital—where hard liquor is served.

The Chateau Laurier is like no other hotel on earth, unless it is the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City. Its architecture is "Canadian Norman," and it is almost as big as the Parliamentary buildings.

It has turrets and towers, moats, embattlements, bristling fortifications. Inside it is the complete Hollywood castle, pillared and plumed, spacious with marble halls and antique staircases.

Rose And Cream

Into this archaic stronghold a weird cocktail lounge has been thrust. This is called the Jasper Lounge. It is painted in rose pink and cream and has indirect lighting. The chairs are in maroon or champagne leather.

There are mirrors, statuettes, gold curtains, green carpets, a huge, startlingly white loving-cup in the centre, and regimental crests over the bar itself.

The tourists love the place. Personally, I am overwhelmed.

Some of the smartest people in Ottawa are the waiters in the Jasper Lounge. The customers seem less well groomed, are often careless. However, men in shirt-sleeves are turned away.

The New Look does not seem to have made much headway in Ottawa. I find most of the women neatly dressed, but some of them drab.

Best social event I've attended was a cocktail party given by John Bird of the famous Southern newspaper family. Here were Defence Minister Claxton, a group of Embassy people, publishers, newspapermen, and Government officials. And the women were beautifully dressed.

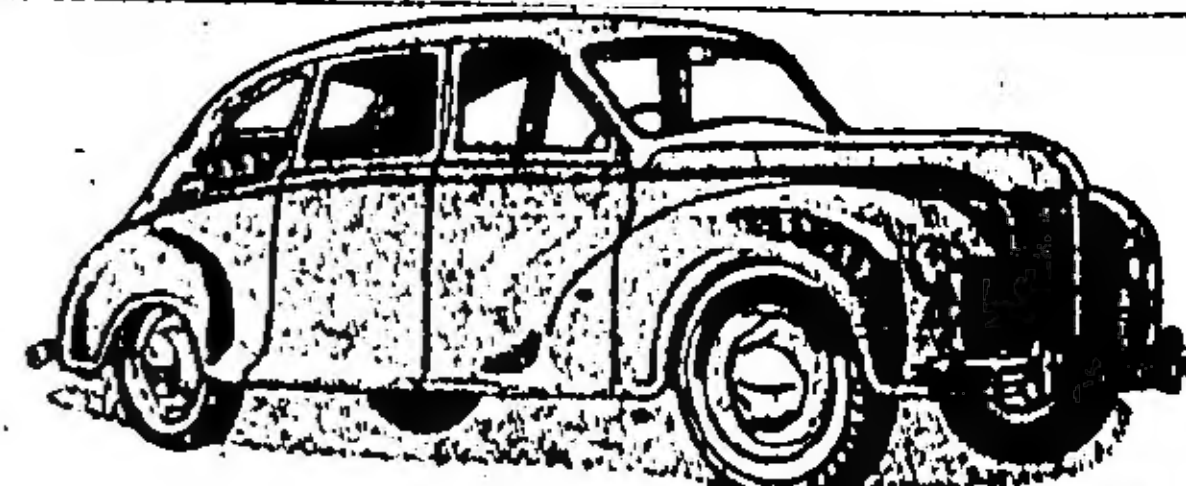
One thing the people of Ottawa should not do, and that is apologise for the capital. One Canadian after another keeps taking me aside:

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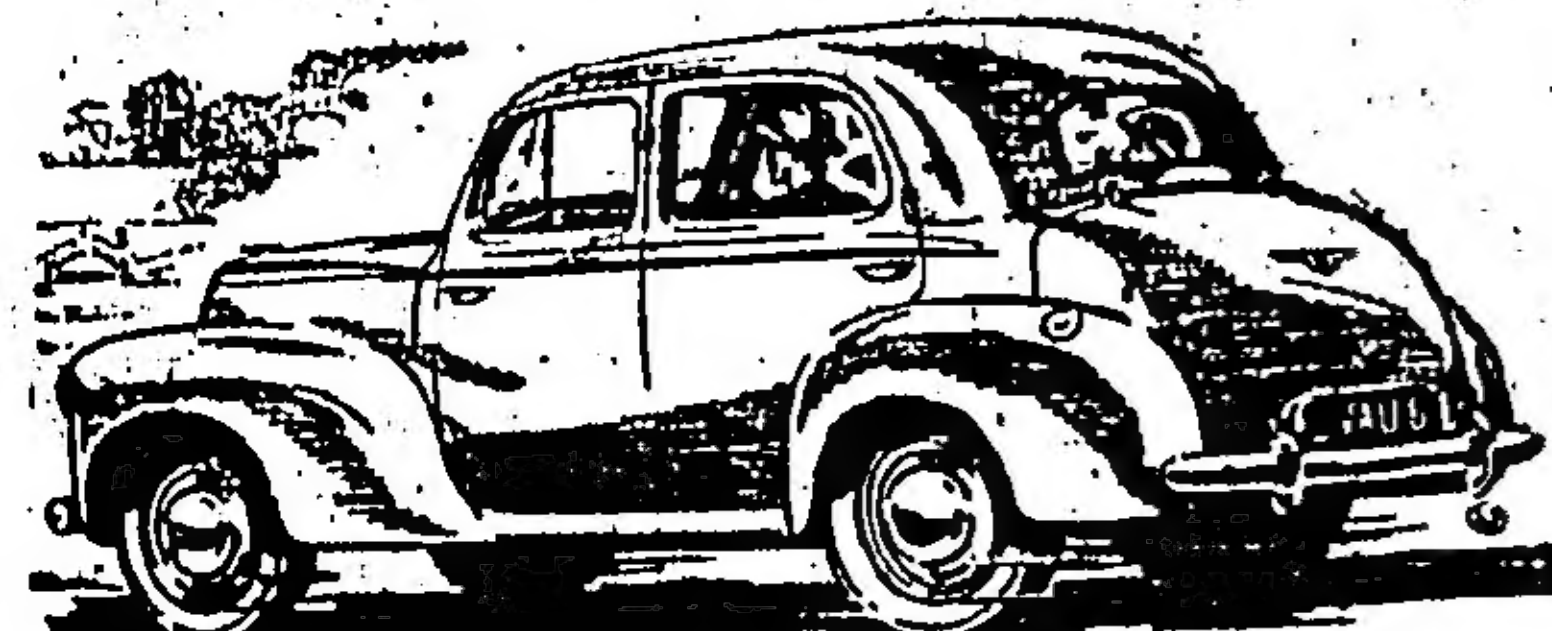
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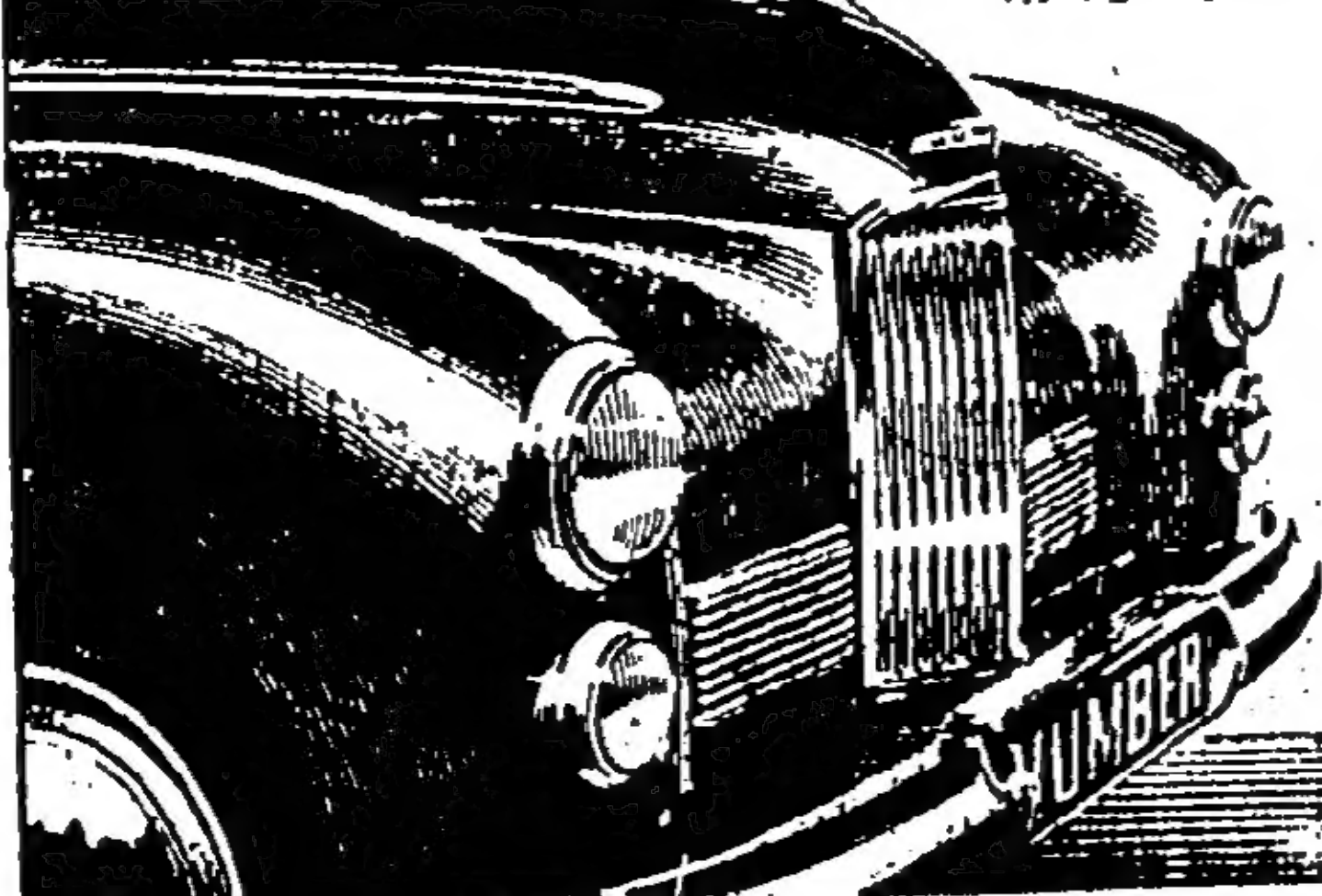
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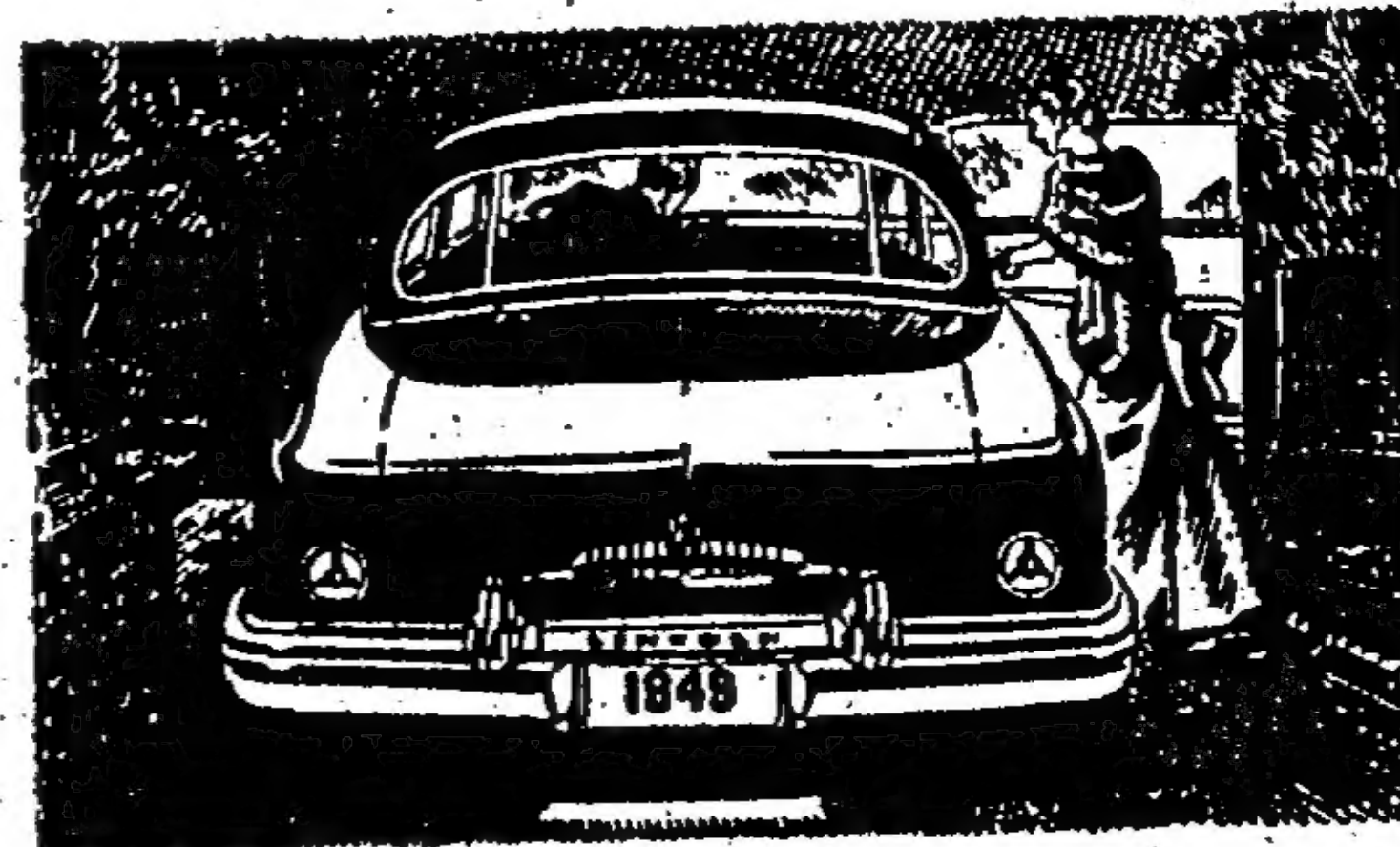
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Washington, July 14.

Two important developments in U. S. relations with China were forecast today by State Department officials. Together, those developments indicate that a new China policy will emerge soon.

First, a white paper on American-Chinese relations, to include the long secret report of Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer, is expected to be published within two weeks, a State Department spokesman said.

"After that, information may be forthcoming on what we are going to do in the future about China," he added.

Other informants said the Truman Administration has been working intensively on plans for dealing with the spread of Communism in China and the threat of Communism in the Far East generally. This work is being done through the National Security Council which includes both the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson and the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson.

The new disclosures appear to indicate, therefore, that the Administration is getting ready:

1. To tell for the first time, its full documented story of the failure to block Communism in China, and then,

2. To bring out a new policy for dealing with China and the Far East in the light of Communist successes.

Chiang Blamed

Speculation among responsible informants is that the

"White Paper" will place the burden of blame for failure of the anti-Communist struggle in China on the Chinese Nationalist Government under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

That has been the Administration's position in the past and there is no evidence that it has changed.

How the famous report of General Wedemeyer fits into the picture is not yet clear. He made a survey of the Chinese situation for President Truman two years ago.

Some reports said he advocated a new programme of aid to China but other reports said he criticized severely some of the men around Generalissimo Chiang.

Some highly placed informants say there still is a division of opinion among State Department experts, and among military planners as well, over where and how the defence against Communism in the Far East should be erected.—Associated Press.

London, July 14.

Ships carrying food cargoes to Britain began to queue up in the Thames Estuary today as 4,500 troops sweated to discharge some of the 142 vessels now congesting the strike-stricken Port of London. Nine ships are reported to be waiting at the mouth of the River.

As the troops—doubled in number since yesterday—worked on 46 ships, more waterfront workers left their jobs and by tonight the number of idle dockers reached 14,289.

The gradual drift from work since the Government introduced emergency regulations to control the Port from Monday midnight continued. Two hundred and forty more men failed to report this morning, and 55 more this afternoon.

Fresh moves to break the deadlock in the Port stoppage were under way tonight. After two days of conferences with the Canadian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Danu Wilgess, and the leaders of the striking Canadian seamen, the Joint Executive of the Stevedores and Lightermen's Unions were tonight believed to have asked for a meeting with the Canadian ship-owners involved in the original dispute which led to the London stoppage.

The leaders of the Stevedores and Lightermen's Unions, whose members make up the bulk of the 14,000 Port workers now idle in the Port of London, have been trying to weigh the merits of the Canadian seamen's case against the employers.

A joint statement from the two Union Executives tonight said that they had instructed their officials "to explore all avenues in effect a settlement of the whole dispute."

Although the Union officials refused to enlarge on this statement, it was thought that they were not yet satisfied that they had all the information about the agreement reached by the Canadian seamen and the shipowners through the mediation of the Canadian High Commissioner a fortnight ago.

The seamen claim that this agreement was not kept.

No Response

A member of the Canadian Seamen's Union strike committee said tonight: "We will be very glad to see a settlement effected and we will co-operate with the Union. We have been stressing all the time that the strike will end if the shipowners negotiate."

A report on the present Union talks will be given to dockers at a mass meeting tomorrow. The dockers today maintained their refusal to work the two Canadian ships which caused the strike, a point insisted on by

denied again that his union was controlled by Communists.

Mr. Davis said that his Union had no political affiliations and asserted that Canadian and United States longshoremen belonging to unions associated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations were boycotting Canadian ships.

(Government and trade union spokesmen here have told the London dockers that American longshoremen are all working normally).

Alleged Libel

Mr. Joe MacNeill, a member of the Canadian Seamen's Union, was accused by Mr. R. J. Mellish, Labour Member of Parliament, last night of being a "Communist-paid agent" today made a denial and challenged Mr. Mellish to repeat the statement outside Parliament, so that he could be sued for libel.

Mr. Mellish later commented to press representatives that he had no doubt that the information he possessed would also be available today to trade union spokesmen.

At the pressed steel works at the great Nuffield Motor Corporation supported the dockers "in their refusal to work black ships." Soon after, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said that the pile-up of cars, trucks and tractors was increasing hourly and might soon affect production. About 5,000 export vehicles normally pass through the Port of London every week.

The Ministry of Transport an-

nounced today that large numbers of additional Service personnel will be on hand tomorrow to step up work in the Port of London.

The five-man Emergency Committee set up by the Government visited the Docks today to review the arrangements for the allocation of troops to idle ships and priorities for the unloading of cargoes.

Plans were being made for the extension of work in the Port, the official announcement said.—Reuter.

Don Iddon's Diary

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Civil Servants. They don't get paid much so there's not much money spent here, but prices are very high. Anyway, we are going all the time.

Actually, Ottawa is not in need of apologies. It is one of the most beautiful and best-run towns I've been in. And the plans to make it bigger and more beautiful are being pressed.

The Government and local council are considering an ambitious plan—the National Capital Plan—to make it an even greater national shrine. The scope of the plan would stagger you, and it may take 50 to 100 years to carry out the entire scheme, which would remove the unsightly factories and the paper and pulp and timber mills across the river and make Ottawa the world's loveliest city.

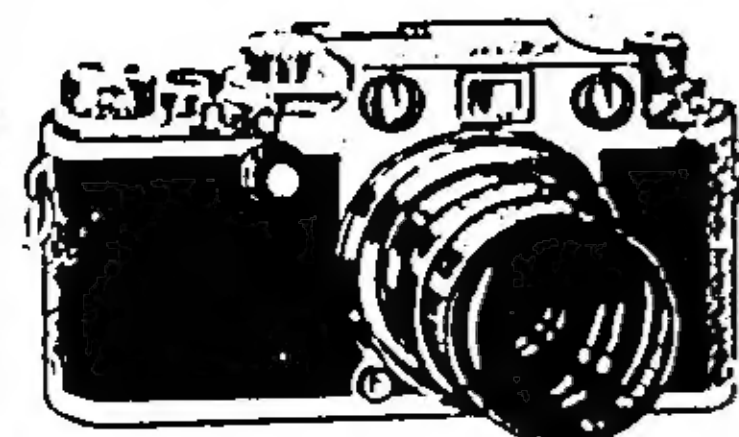
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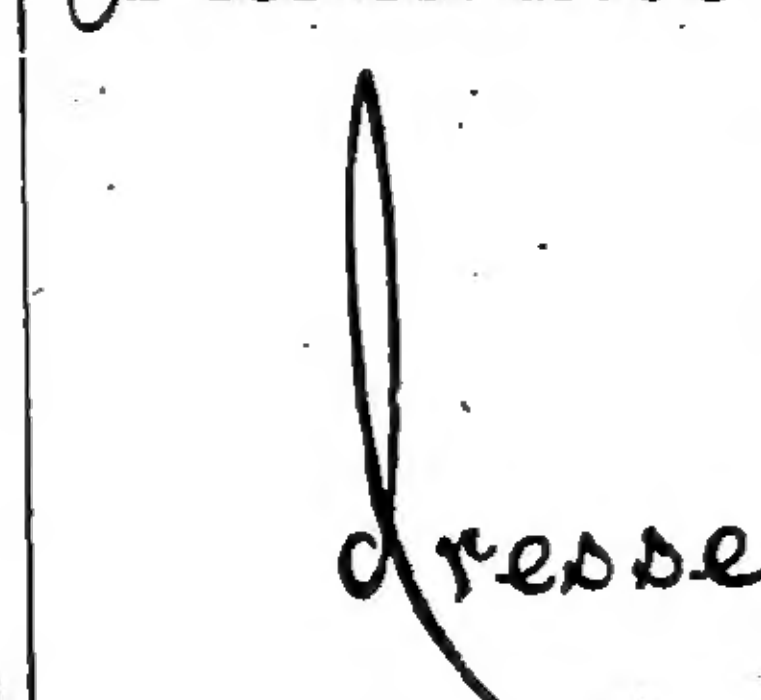
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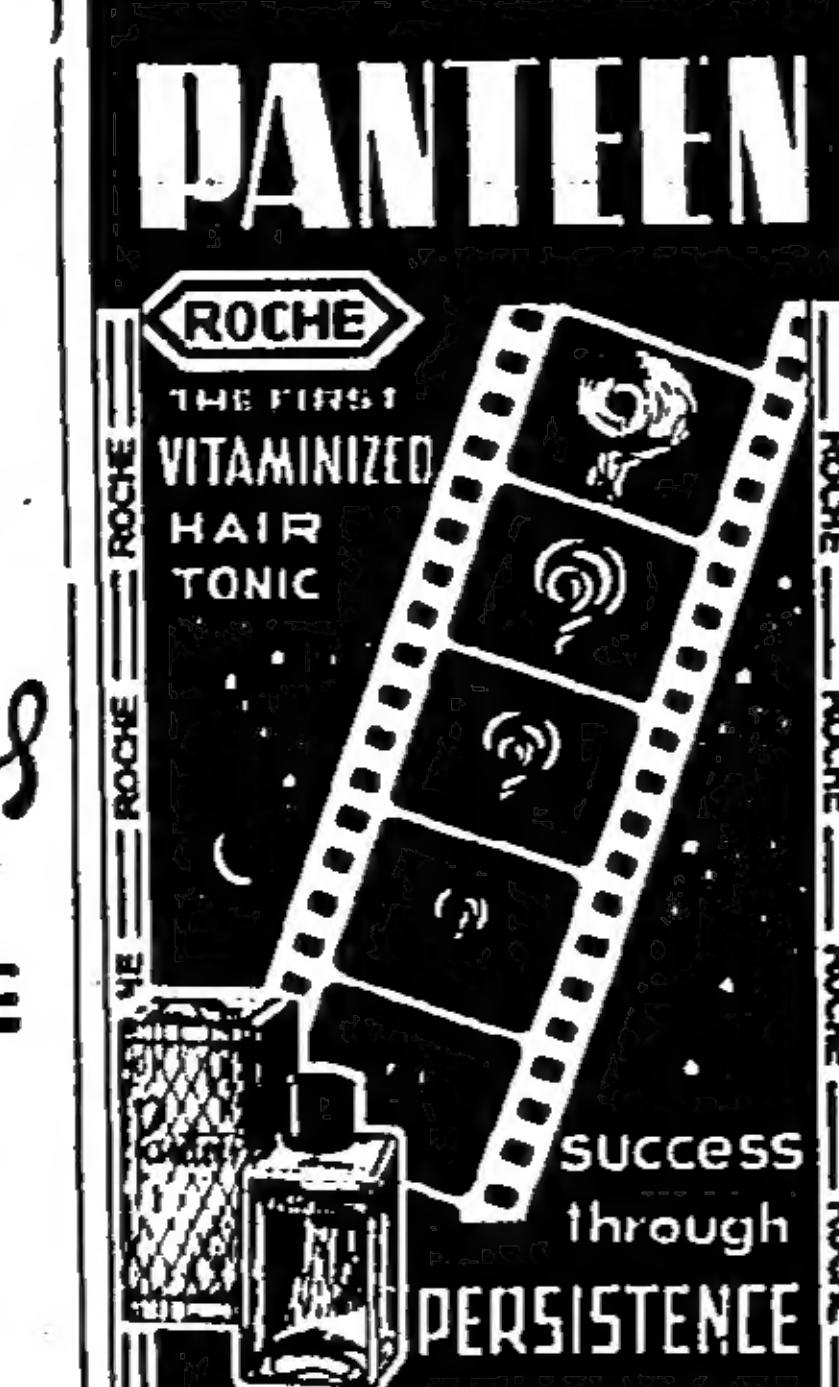
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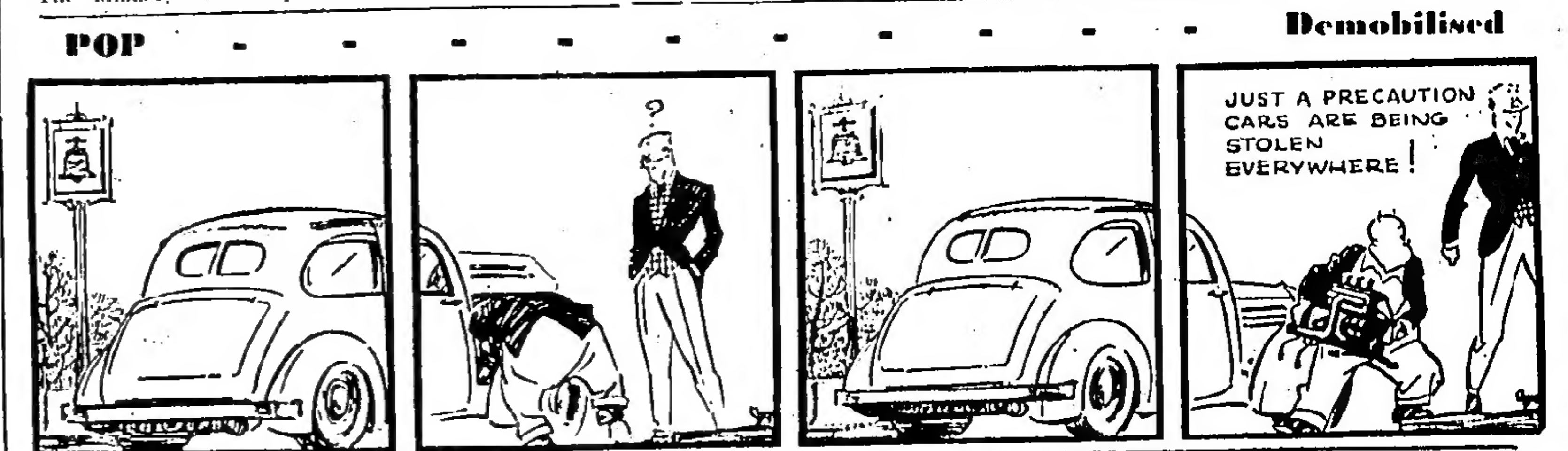


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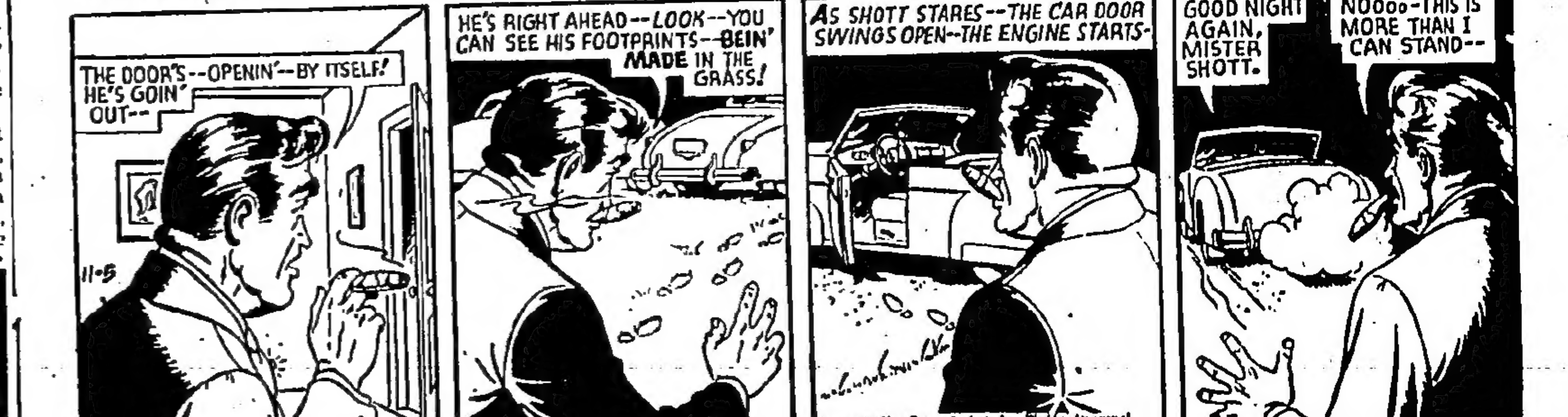
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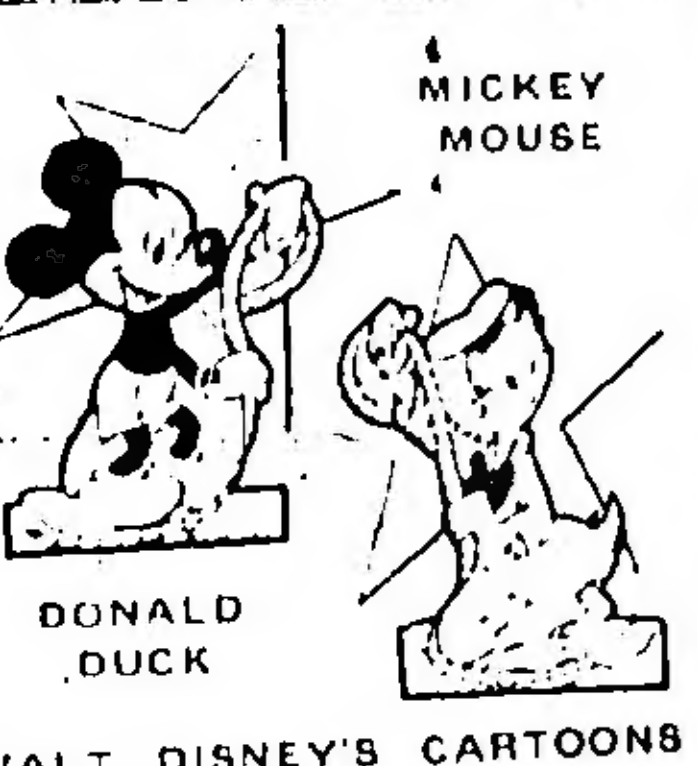
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1.00 p.m. "Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians".
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Rediffusion

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7.00 a.m. Up With The Sun.
7.15 a.m. Morning Exercises.
7.30 a.m. Musical Clock.
7.45 a.m. The Pal A Keller Program.
8.00 a.m. News And Weather Forecast.
8.15 a.m. "Gladys Mott" Show.
8.30 a.m. Good Morning.
8.45 a.m. Saturday's Music.
9.00 a.m. Morning Melody.
9.15 a.m. Music For All.
9.30 a.m. Strike Up The Band.
9.45 a.m. Time Was.
10.00 a.m. Interval Stand.
10.15 a.m. Dance Music.
10.30 a.m. The Week's Composer.
10.45 a.m. Variety Calls The Tune.
11.00 a.m. Transcendence.
11.15 a.m. Varsity Years.
11.30 a.m. Music Makers.
11.45 a.m. Singing Strings.
12.00 p.m. Music Hall Varieties.
12.15 p.m. Interval Stand.
12.30 p.m. Vocal Reminders.
12.45 p.m. Dance Harmony Lane.
1.00 p.m. At The Opera (H.A.T.).
1.15 p.m. The Waltz Lovers (H.A.T.).
1.30 p.m. H.A.T. News.
1.45 p.m. The Studio's Programme.
2.00 p.m. The Super-Gala Sports Round-Up.
2.15 p.m. Dance Time: Harry James.
2.30 p.m. Variety Concert Hall.
2.45 p.m. "H.A.T." World News.
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Co-Education In HK To Stay, St. Paul's Principal Says

Dr. Katie Woo, principal of St. Paul's College, speaking at the College's speech day yesterday, said that four years of co-education had definitely proven it to be an undeniable success. She was convinced that co-education had come to stay in Hong Kong, and she herself was an advocate of its continuance.

The College Hall was crowded with visitors, parents of the students and the students themselves. On the platform was the College Council, presided over by Bishop Hall, Chairman of the Council, the Governor and Lady Grantham, and Captain Wilson, the Governor's ADC. The certificates for the graduates of class I and senior and junior middle 3, the Governor addressed the gathering.

Sir Alexander said St. Paul's had had a successful year because it had been actuated by the right spirit, and he had no doubt whatever that the future held the very best for St. Paul's because of the spirit of mutual understanding between principal and staff, and between staff and the pupils.

Class I Graduates

Chan Shing-kee, Leung Tze-shing, Lau Sai-ming, Lau Shu-nien, Lau Yui-chiu, Lee Ching-chin, Chow Kai-chung, Yeung Wai-nam, Sui Kee-san, Poon Siu-fun.

Senior Middle 3

Graduates

Chan Wan-kat, Chan Kit-mui, Chang Kwok-kit, Chang Wan-yuen, Kong Tai-chi, Lai Ka-king, Lai Kai-yai, Lai Chung-wah, Lai Wah-fon, Lam Yat-kwong, Lee Lo-mang, Lee Sik-ye, Lee King-yin, Ling Sook-eh, Lo Sook-yuen, Mr. Shing-tak, Ngai Tat-man, Tam Wai-yeo, Wong Kei-lau, Wong Kit-ming, Wong Yui-ming.

Junior Middle 3

Graduates

Chan Sheung-chui, Cheung Sook-yin, Chin Kit-man, Chung Ping, Chung Ho-ping, Ho Wai-hung, Ko Kwok-che, Kong Tai-chin, Kwan Wan-lon, Kwan Man-bor, Kwan Wing-hung, Kwok Pong-ping, Lau Shau-lan, Lau Mui-yin, Lee Pui-lam, Lee Sook-chun, Leung Lai-chun, Leung Oi-ton, Leung Sui-han, Leung Sook-ching, Lo Po-yin, Ma King-yuk, Ma Mau-leng, Pang Chun-lot, Pang Lock-lot, Poon Yuk-fu, Poon-tui, Sin Man-ying, Tin Ping-ching, Wan Sook-king, Wong Wei-run, Wong Yee-ching, Wong Yuet-ching and Woo Tze-kam.

Forgery Of Sweep Ticket

The case of the alleged forgery of a sweep ticket claimed to be the one which won the second prize in the Lantao Handicap, was continued before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. The defendant is a Chinese man, Tsui Tung, master of the Tung Chung Building Contractors, and a Chinese married woman, Chew Lie-che, both residing in the basement of No. 30 Wyndham Street.

Both were charged with demanding from Vincent Santos of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, with intent to defraud, the sum of \$244,423 by virtue of a forged Hong Kong Jockey Club Lantao Handicap Sweep Ticket purporting to be ticket No. 1808974 knowing the same to be forged.

Mr. A. d'Arcy represented both defendants. Mr. Arculli unsuccessfully made a submission that his clients had no case to answer later which Mr. d'Almeida adjourned the case to July 28.

In his submission, Mr. Arculli said that his clients did not demand from Santos as was alleged. They simply went to the Jockey Club and asked where they could cash a winning ticket. That was all they said. They had never made any demand at any time. The prosecution had not produced evidence to prove that the ticket was a forgery. There was no doubt that the ticket was a forged one. The defendants made no attempt to run away.

Sugar Price Increased

Government has increased the controlled maximum retail price of white sugar from 38 cents to 40 cents a pound. The price four months ago was 45 cents a pound.

The reason given for the two-cent increase is that the retailer has found that the two-cent margin between the wholesale and retail prices is insufficient to cover costs and at the same time give him a reasonable profit.

The official statement on the subject said that previous to the de-ratting of sugar in April, 1949, the maximum retail price of white sugar was 45 cents a pound. When de-ratting came into effect this price was reduced to 38 cents a pound.

It has been found, however, that with a wholesale price of 36 cents a margin of two cents a pound is insufficient for the retailer to cover costs such as providing paper bags, losses in filling the bags from sacks and other overhead charges in addition to a reasonable profit.

A notification appears in this week's Government Gazette authorizing a maximum retail price for white sugar of 40 cents a pound.

At the same time, the wholesale price is fixed at 36 cents.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

It is hereby notified that all mail services for Shanghai, Tientsin and North China are temporarily suspended. Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.

Almail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Almail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Almail for Kowloon, Amoy, (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Almail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.

Almail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Amoy, Noon.

Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver

10: 2 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Swatow, 3 p.m.

Straits, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.

Almail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Kowloon, Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Cebu, Manila, Hongkong, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 10/7.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.

Japan, 9 a.m.

Formosa via Kowloon and Foochow, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 18

Closing Times by Air

Almail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 6 p.m.

Almail for Swatow, Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Kowloon, Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Cebu, Manila, Hongkong, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 10/7.

Almail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 10/7, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 10/7.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 9 a.m.

Japan, 9 a.m.

Formosa via Kowloon and Foochow, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

Closing Times by Air

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"TITALENGKA"	21st July	21st July
"TIBADAK"	2nd August	4th August
"TISADANE"	18th August	

MANILA

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TITALENGKA"	18th July	20th July
"TIBADAK"	19th July	4th August
"TISADANE"	26th July	
"TIBADAK"	2nd August	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TITALENGKA"	21st July	22nd July
"TIBADAK"	1st August	8th August
"TISADANE"	16th August	
"TIBADAK"	2nd August	

* Not calling at Penang & Belawan Deli
* Passengers accepted to Singapore only

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TIBADAK"	19th July	In port
"TIBADAK"	10th Aug.	18th Aug.
"TIBADAK"	7th Sept.	
"TIBADAK"	5th Oct.	

Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques Direct.
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to
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"TIBADAK"	18th July	7th August
"TIBADAK"	17th July	

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SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"AMSTELDIJK"	End July	Early Aug.
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"AMSTELDIJK"	End Sept.	

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Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

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"AMSTELDIJK"	End July	
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m.v. "BENARES"	Early Sept.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES

m.v. "DONA NATI" (calls Japan)	17th July
m.v. "DONA ANICETA" (calls Japan)	Mid Aug.

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"BENDORAN"	do	1st half August
"BENDORAN"	do	End August
"BENDORAN"	do	End August
"BENDORAN"	do	1st half Sept.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENDORAN"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	End July
"BENDORAN"	do	2nd half August
"BENDORAN"	do	End August
"BENDORAN"	do	2nd half Sept.
"BENDORAN"	do	Mid Sept.
"BENDORAN"	do	End Sept.
"BENDORAN"	do	1st half Oct.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CEYLON REDUCTION OF TAXES, DUTIES

Colombo, July 14.

The Finance Minister, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, presenting the third budget to Ceylon's House of Representatives today, announced reduced Customs duties on a wide variety of articles, reduced income-tax in the lower bracket incomes, and reduced taxes on certain classes of building plant and machinery.

Mr. Jayawardene said a forecast of the balance of payments for 1949 shows an adverse balance of 190,000,000 rupees mainly because of the high cost and large volume of imports, and the lower prices paid for exports.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market this week, as with last week, continues in an uncertain mood, though it has had its patch of improved sentiment. The volume of transactions, reported from the floor, is not too easy to acquire. Quotations for Hong Kong Stocks, China Entertainments and Shanghai Stocks, register slight setbacks for the week, whilst the active Local Stocks keep remarkably steady. China Lights (New), Dairy Farms and Watsons have moved in favour of holders.

The following interim dividends have been declared:—
Hong Kong Bank £2 @ Ex 1/2 15/10 payable August 15 and Vibo Piling 50 cents payable August 20. Both dividends are tax free.

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